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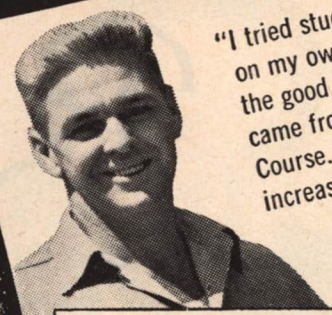

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What major developments in boxing are likely during the coming outdoor season? What championship and near-championship matches are shaping up? Jersey Jones will look the field over, and analyze possibilities in "What's Ahead?", and give you the International Boxing Club's plans.

Al Buck will tell you about the formal dedication of the Boxing Hall of Fame, in the headquarters of The Ring Magazine in Madison Square Garden. He will write about the aims of the Hall, its first occupants, its vast possibilities for the good of boxing.

Dan Daniel will give you a closeup of Julius Helfand, new chairman of the New York Commission. What does he intend to do? How is he going to clean out the "subversives" of the sport? This interview will be of special interest because of the vitality of the New York Commission and its decisions in American and world boxing.

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Rackets Buster Takes Over

By AL BUCK

Julius Helfand, former assistant district attorney of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has been appointed chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission.

IN this age of the atom, boxing, like every other human activity, is undergoing great changes, a fact Julius Helfand, 52-year-old former assistant district attorney in Brooklyn, will soon discover now that he is chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission.

New Year's Day brought a new deal to boxing in New York. A rackets buster for Commissioner!

While New Yorkers nursed their after-the-night-before hang overs, Helfand took the oath making him the successor to the suave Robert K. Christenberry in the game's most important administrative post.

The change was political of course. After 12 years Averell Harriman, a Democrat, had succeeded Thomas E. Dewey, a Republican, as the Empire State's governor.

Helfand is a Democrat, and old timers promptly recalled how boxing flourished when James A. Farley and John J. Phelan served as chairman. Nobody seriously believes Helfand can turn back the clock to the good old days. The world has changed too much. But he'll try and we'll await results.

THE impact of television is felt every where, not only in boxing, but in every other major sport as well. Times may be good again, but they will be different.

Let us take a quick look at the years just before World War II. General Phelan was chairman; Joe Louis was heavyweight champion and Mike Jacobs was at his peak as a promoter. The million dollar gate was not uncommon. Crowds packed the Garden on fight night. The people also flocked to other sports as well.

New York City had three major league baseball clubs as it has now. Elsewhere nobody thought of shifting a major league franchise and yet three have been moved in the last two years.

Columbia, New York University and Fordham all had top flight football teams playing in the New York Area. Now Columbia carries on alone.

There were two professional football clubs then, but only the Giants remain.

In hockey the Rangers and Americans competed for patronage. The Americans are long since gone, although not forgotten.

Fighters named Billy Conn, Tony Zale and Henry Armstrong thrilled the thousands who paid to see them in action. It was a wonderful world, but one we may never see again. Fights were fought in neighborhood clubs every night in the week. There are fights almost nightly now, but they originate in such places as San Francisco, Miami and Chicago. They come to us by video.

Millions of new fight fans watch modern day pugilists, but they do so seated in their parlors, rather than in the Garden. The sponsors contribute more to the gate than do the paying fans. James D. Norris, millionaire head of the International Boxing Club, operates on a world-wide basis. At the same time he is the local promoter in both New York and Chicago.

SUCH is the situation the stocky, grey haired Helfand is confronted with in his new office. He has taken the post at a sacrifice. As chief of the rackets bureau in the D. A.'s office he received $15,000 a year. As Commission chairman he is being paid $13,500.

"I accepted the appointment because it gives me an opportunity to do a real public service," Helfand explained. "I believe I can do a good job. If I didn't think so I would not have quit the job I had.

"I did not know I was being considered for boxing commissioner until Gov. Harriman called me in the night before he made the announcement. I did not seek the position. I can honestly say it came as a great surprise to me."

Like most boxing commissioners when first appointed, Helfand has no background in the sport. He described himself as an "investigator and an attorney." As an assistant D. A. he has cooperated with Christenberry in one or more investigations into boxing, but at best, he is only a casual fight fan.

"I have attended an occassional bout and now and then have watched one on television," the new chairman said. "I have no definite ideas, and no pride of authorship. It has always been my practice to hold quarterback sessions with my assistants and often my viewpoint is the consensus of opinion.

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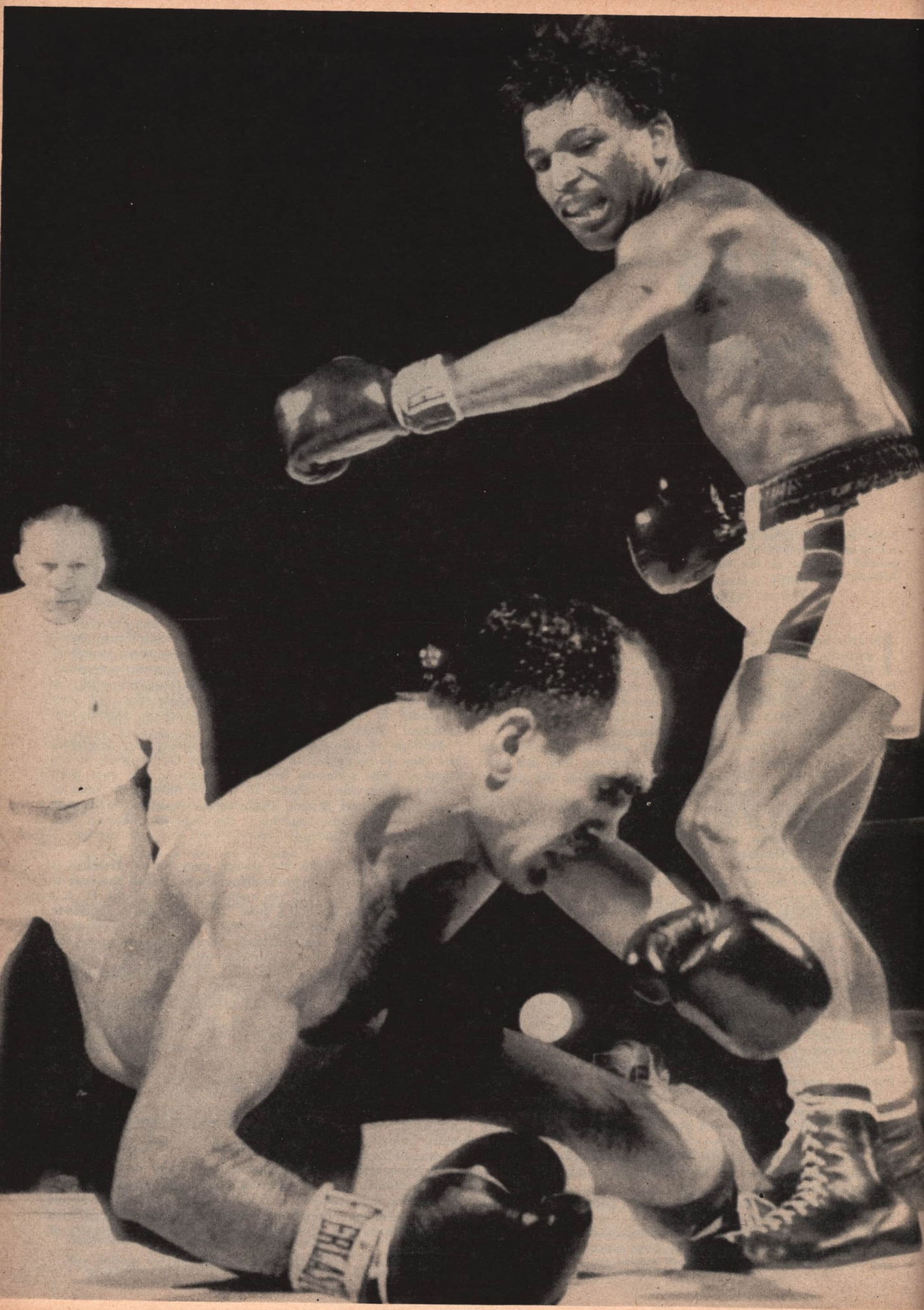

Knockout of Rindone by Sugar Ray Robinson helps to pep up situation which needed awakening. Robby's comeback adds to boxing interest.

RAY-RAY for RAY!

By DAN DANIEL

RAY ROBINSON's knockout victory over Joe Rindone, insures the inaugural of Sugar's comeback campaign, and has helped considerably to pep things up in American boxing.

Before Ray disposed of Joe, boxing had lapsed into another of its periodic fits of lethargy. But now there is more life, with many interesting goals set by the International Boxing Club and Jim Norris, for the outdoor campaign.

Sugar Ray says he is working for a middleweight title fight with Bobo Olson. But Jim Norris is not yet heading Robinson in that direction.

Rather is the International BC chief working on an Olson-Archie Moore scrap, with Robinson meeting Kid Gavilan in an elimination.

Gavilan lost a lot of ground and prestige, as well as the welterweight title, when he was outpointed by Johnny Saxton in Philadelphia, in one of the top stinkos of the decade. The Hawk has to get back on the beam, Sugar has to get back in real competition, and thus is created a promising situation.

At this writing, Moore is not averse to fighting Olson, but he wants a guarantee that a victory over Bobo would give him a match with Rocky Marciano. Archie will get no such promise, because Rocky is not going to fight Moore, for many reasons.

Marciano's next opponent will be Nino Valdes, of Cuba, Don Cockell, of England, or even Charley Norkus. Why Valdes or Cockell should be sidetracked for a fighter like Norkus is beyond all understanding.

A Marciano-Valdes fight would be interesting. The Cuban is rated the top heavyweight contender, and should not be detoured any longer. A Cockell fight would do better in England, but the high taxes over there preclude Rocky's going over.

When Marciano's nose was split in half by Ezzard Charles, it was said that plastic surgery would be necessary to mend the break. Nothing has been said about this since.

Norris also has been working on a fight between Sandy Saddler, the feather champion, and Red Top Davis, the old campaigner who is rated the No. 1 contender.

Norris would like to see Robinson and Gavilan fight at least once more before coming into the Garden in New York. The winner would be in line for Bobo in June.

The IBC is very much interested in the progress of Floyd Patterson, who became eligible for the ten round distance after his knockout victory over Willie Troy in five rounds.

Norris and his matchmaking department also are considering their next move with Hurricane Jackson, who was shunted off to a siding by his knockout defeat by Valdes.

Norris and the IBC have been roused to a faster tempo in so far as the New York situation is concerned, by the upheaval on the New York Commission.

The demotion of Bob Christenberry, with Julius Helfand's appointment as chairman of the Commission by Governor Averell Harriman, is certain to step up action in general in the Metropolitan sector.

One of Helfand's chief goals is the restoration of New York as the big ring centre.

At the age of thiry four, after a layoff of thirty months, Robinson returned to the ring on the night of January 4, in Detroit, and knocked out Rindone in the sixth round of what was to have been a ten round fight.

Stopping Rindone no longer is regarded as a feat, in itself. Joe has been knocked out eight times, four in succession.

But the Robinson demonstration proved impressive enough to merit special consideration, and stress the possibility of his being able to flout ring ristory, and make a real comeback.

Certainly, Ray did not look like the Robinson of yore. For one thing, his timing was off. His once effective combinations failed to come through, and his right was erratic.

But the things which comebacks almost always lack, footwork and mobility, stood out in Sugar Ray's victory over Rindone.

During his layoff of more than two years, Robinson was a night club performer, and did a lot of dancing. This kept his legs in fine shape. He weighed only 159 pounds for Rindone, while the Boston veteran tipped the scale at 163½.

Robinson took a realistic and frank view of his knockout victory.

"I was satisfied with results," he told The Ring Magazine. "I would have liked it better if those combinations had worked. But I did not feel rusty.

"I retired because, for one thing, I had lost zest. I had begun to hate training.

"Well, as I faced Rindone, the old enthusiasm came back. Now it is at a still higher pitch because I know I can make this thing go, and I will be able to work myself up again, to a fight with Bobo Olson for the middleweight championship."

Joe Glaser, Robinson's business manager, believes Ray will be ready for Olson in June. There have been talks with Jim Norris and the IBC for a New York fight.

The old Robinson right was in occasional working condition against Rindone. In the sixth round Joe made a mistake. He rolled Ray with a left and a right to the head.

Robinson thereupon cut loose, and swarmed all over Joe with everything he had. He shot punch after punch to the head and then, the right, and good-night.

Ray still is a great draw. The fight attracted 11,973 paying guests, who turned $26,574 into the box office and made Nick Londos very happy, and eager to find another opponent for Robinson.

It was the best turnout for a Detroit fight since June 11, 1952, when 16,008 watched Jake LaMotta and Irish Bob Murphy.

Most of those who saw Robinson stop Rindone were of the opinion that Ray could go on to make trouble for Bobo, perhaps more trouble for Bobo, perhaps more trouble than any other middleweight could.

Johnny Weber, who refereed the fight, expressed surprise over Ray's good showing.

"There still is a lot of the old Robinson left, even at 34," Johnny said. "Rindone gave him trouble by refusing to open up. But once Joe took the initiative, briefly, Robinson let him have it.

"During the final flurry, Robinson delivered half a dozen punches. The knockout punch was a right. But as Joe was going down, Ray grazed him with a hook. It no longer mattered."

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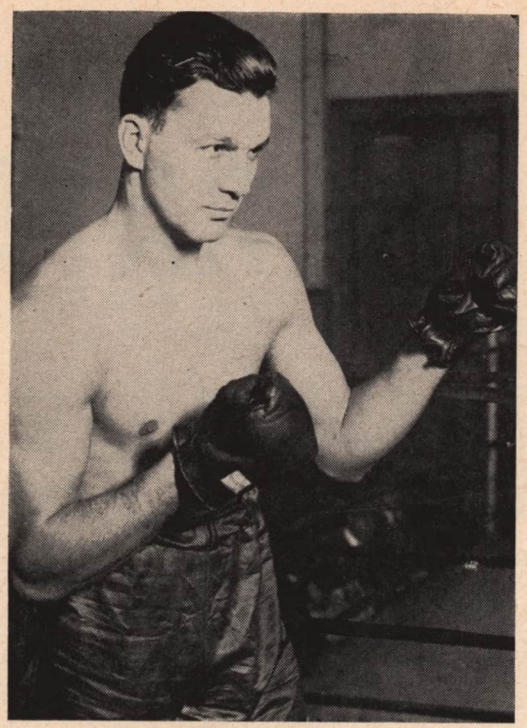
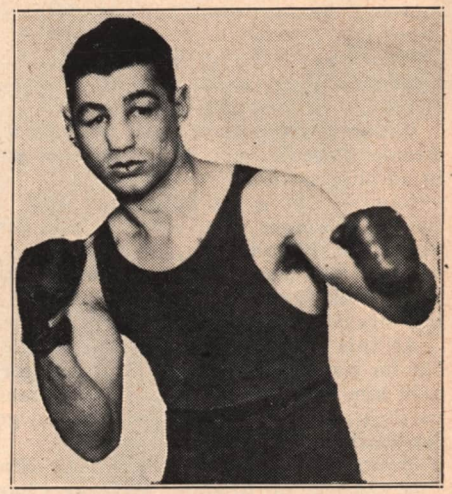


The brilliant Jack Delaney, another victim of a stunning upset, light-hitting veteran Augie Ratner spilling him with one punch in Brooklyn.

Beware the "Set-Up"!

By JERSEY JONES



Willie Jackson, who jumped from comparative obscurity into an overnight sensation by wrecking the great Johnny Dundee in one round in Philadelphia.

ABOUT the most dangerous blunder any fighter can make is to hold an opponent too cheaply. Overconfidence and carelessness have helped to bring crushing disaster to many a favored ringman. Not even a world champion is privileged to consider himself immune to "accidents." A lusty sock on the chin is no respecter of rank and dignity.

So long as the supposed "victim" has two fists, and is not averse to throwing them, there's always to chance of a sensational, unlooked-for development. It may not happen too often, and in probably nineteen cases out of twenty, the "set-up" proves to be just that. But in the twentieth case—

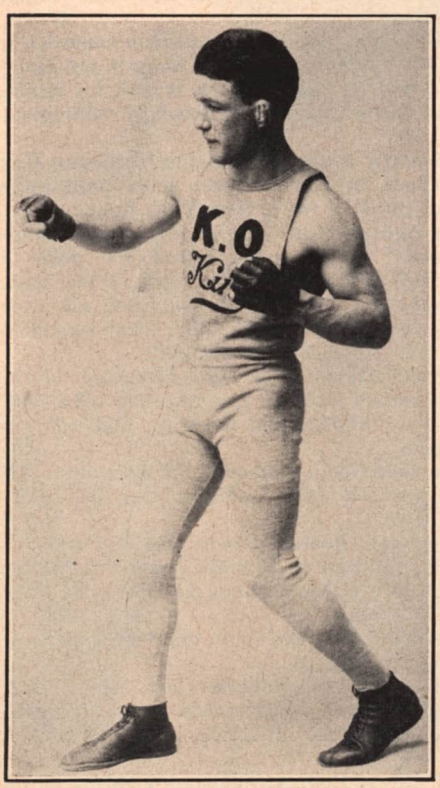
We got to thinking of the uncertainties of this uncertain trade when reports reached us of a startling episode in Algiers recently.

Two young native sons, lightweight Seraphin Ferrer and featherweight Cherif Hamia, had just completed spectacular campaigns in France. Within a couple of weeks of each other, and in their freshman years in professional fisticuffing, they had slugged their ways to French titles!

Now they were coming home to Algiers as conquering heroes. As part of the gala celebration arranged for them, they would be featured on an all-star boxing card. The opponents wouldn't be too tough, and the bouts little more than exhibitions for the local idols. An ordinary Spaniard, Jose-Maria Godoy, was imported for Ferrer. A Belgian journeyman, Louis Cabo, was picked for Hamia.

Ferrer handled his assignment easily enough, disposing of Godoy in less than two rounds.

But something went sadly, disastrously amiss with Hamia's part of the program. Maybe the young man was too busy taking bows and not paying enough attention to his opponent. Before he realized what had happened, he was a one-round knockout victim.



George (K.O.) Chaney, who was handed some of his own specialty when a short-notice substitute, obscure Mike Clancy, flattened him in a round in Baltimore.

THINGS of this sort are by no means unusual in this profession. The annals of leather-pushing are crowded with tales of outstanding ringmen who underestimated their opponents' qualifications and paid dearly for their errors in judgment.

Even Kid McCoy, one of the craftiest mechanics the ring ever has known, was not infallible. Back around the turn of the century, McCoy dropped into Chicago for what figured to be a soft touch. His vis-a-vis was a not too highly regarded Jack McCormick. The Kid, in a gracious mood, thought he'd play around with McCormick for a while, and give the customers a bit of a show before putting the quietus on his hapless victim. But something miscalculated somewhere. Not in the least awed by McCoy's reputation, McCormick came out punching, and flattened the cocky Kid in the first round!

In 1900, Frank Erne, then world lightweight champion, whipped Joe Gans rather handily in New York, stopping the Baltimorean in the twelfth round. Frank fairly leaped at an offer to meet Gans again in Fort Erie, near Buffalo, two years later. The bout had gone only a minute or so when a whistling right crashed against Erne's chin, and Frank promptly became an ex-champion.

It was in 1912 or thereabouts, and George (K.O.) Chaney, terrific-clouting Baltimore southpaw, was flattening the toughest featherweight opposition that could be enveigled into the ring with him. Less than twenty-four hours before one show in Baltimore, the promoters were notified that Chaney's opponent-to-be had pulled out of the match. They started scrambling for a

substitute. Finding opponents for Chaney was a difficult assignment at any time; on such short notice it was almost impossible. SOS's were flashed to Philadelphia, then New York. Finally, in New York, a Mike Clancy was rounded up.

Clancy, a Jewish kid with an adopted Irish title, wasn't much of a fighter, as fighters were reckoned in those rugged days, but he was the best that could be collected for the occasion, and a night's pay looked exceedingly attractive to him, even for risking life and limb against a devastating clouter like Chaney.

Clancy didn't figure to last very long, but he decided to make a fight out of it while he could. He came out swinging, and hardly had the clang of the opening gong faded away when the startled clients were gazing at the totally unexpected sight of their Knockout King getting an authentic load of his own specialty!

ONE of the ring's most historic upsets had tragic consequences. It was during the summer of 1913, and Luther McCarty, giant Nebraskan, had established himself as the best of the "White Hopes" in the weird era that followed Jack Johnson's victory over Jim Jeffries in Reno. McCarty was well on his way to a title match with Johnson when he ambled into Calgary, Canada, for an apparently soft touch. His opponent, Arthur Pelkey, an ordinary heavyweight, was tabbed for a quick finish. But midway through the first round, McCarty slumped to the canvas from a seemingly light punch to the chin. He failed to regain consciousness.

Early in 1914, George Chip, then ruler of the middleweight roost, visited the Broadway Sporting Club in Brooklyn for a date with an awkward local southpaw, Al McCoy. A few months previously, George's brother, Joe, had beaten McCoy rather easily in the same ring, and the champion didn't anticipate anything more strenuous than a brisk workout. Chip paid for his overconfidence, and in the first round! McCoy pulled one "out of the bag," as the quaint language of the trade would have it, and when Chip was revived, he was minus his title.

Willie Jackson, a New Yorker, had become a popular favorite in Philadelphia with his speed and flashy boxing, but he seemed too young, too frail and too inexperienced when they brought in the great Johnny Dundee to meet him in 1917. Dundee was in the top brackets of both featherweight and lightweight divisions.

Johnny himself didn't regard Jackson too seriously, and decided to have some fun with the kid. His playfulness proved his undoing. In the first round, Dundee bounced off the ropes, arms dangling by his sides, and ran smack-dab into a right that caught him flush on the chin and dropped him to the canvas for the first knockout defeat of his spectacular career!

Jack Delaney, destined for light-heavyweight laurels, but then operating as a middleweight, was paired with the veteran Augie Ratner at the Broadway in Brooklyn in 1922. Jack had become something of a sensation in and around his Bridgeport, Conn., headquarters, and in his only previous appearance in the New York area had turned in a sparkling exhibition in knocking out the highly touted Californian, Bert Colima, in an Ebbets Field semi-final.

Ratner, though a smart, clever, experienced campaigner, was well beyond his prime, and the flashy, sharpshooting Delaney didn't figure to have much trouble with him.

The bout had gone only a half-round, however, when Augie fired a right that caught Delaney behind the ear and Jack collapsed for the full count.

IN 1926, Joe Dundee of Baltimore had just completed a strenuous schedule that established him as the No. 1 contender for the weterweight title, then held by Pete Latzo. While negotiations were under way to arrange the championship match, Dundee and his manager, Max Waxman, thought they could use a brief vacation. They hied themselves to California. To cover expenses, and at the same time give Pacific Coast fans a chance to see the future champion in action, they booked a date in San Francisco. The opponent was a local favorite, Eddie Roberts. If Roberts couldn't do much of anything else, he could belt, and in the first round he proceeded to explode his right against Dundee's chin and utterly ruin Joe's and Manager

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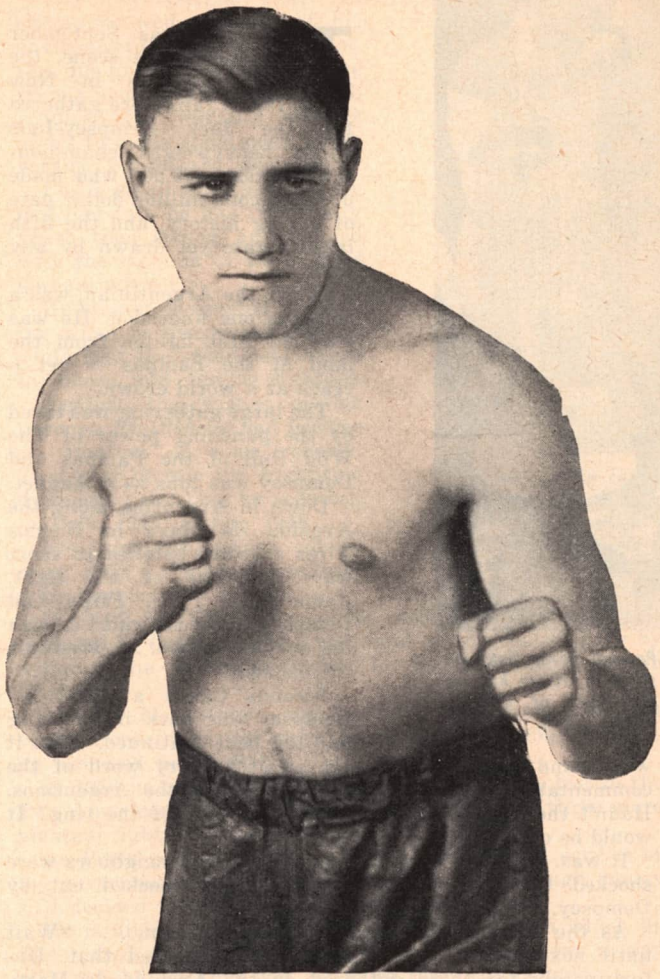
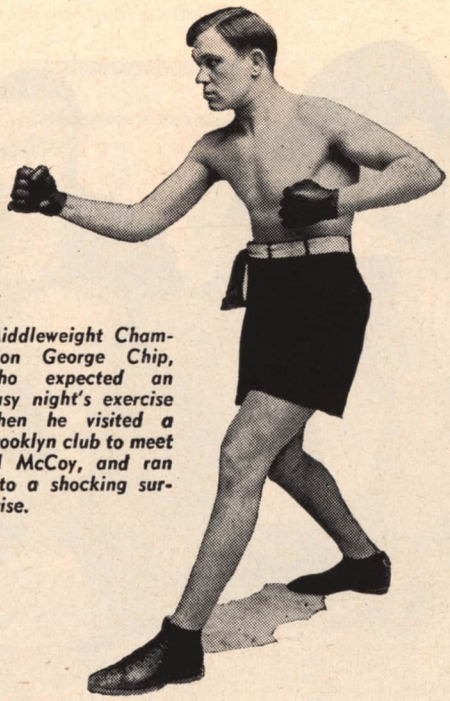


Joe Dundee, who was set for a title match, went off on a vacation trip, took a bout for expense money, and was kayoed by Eddie Roberts in San Francisco.



Middleweight Champion George Chip, who expected an easy night's exercise when he visited a Brooklyn club to meet Al McCoy, and ran into a shocking surprise.

Pascual Perez (left) bestows a victory kiss upon cheek of defeated Yoshio Shirai.

The champ, Perez, receives congratulation from Tony Petronella, NBA president, as consul general Julian Ortiz of Argentina looks on.

"El Terrier"

THE time was September 14, 1923. The scene, the Polo Grounds in New York. 75,000 fans were gathered for the Jack Dempsey-Luis Firpo heavyweight championship contest,—75,000 who made up the second million dollar gate of boxing history, and the fifth largest gate yet drawn by any fight.

Firpo, the Argentinian, was a three to one underdog. He was also the first fighter from the land of the Pampas to get a crack at a world crown.

The large gathering was lured by the punching power of The Wild Bull of the Pampas and Dempsey was tops as a magnet.

Down in Argentina along the Avenida de Mayo in Buenos Aires a crowd listened to short wave bulletins of the fight. Round one! . . . Firpo had Dempsey out of the ring! A hush fell over the crowd. . . . Was this the moment?

Seconds ticked away. . . . Dempsey was back in the ring and the bout continued. Then it was round two. Anxious ears awaited every word of the commentator. Optimism ran high among the Argentinos. Hadn't their giant knocked the champ out of the ring? It would be only a matter of time.

It was. In round two our South American neighbors were shocked to hear that Firpo had been knocked out by Dempsey. What a turn of events!

As the Brooklyn baseball fans say so often, . . . "Wait until next year!" The Argentina fans echoed that. Unfortunately for those gathered on the Avenida de Mayo, thirty-two years went by before their ambition was achieved.

Now the time was November 24, 1954, and our South American neighbors had another chance at a crown . . . the flyweight championship of the world.

The locale was Tokyo, Japan. There were no crowds along the Avenida De Mayo on this night.

Argentine sport fans had seen Yoshio Shirai, flyweight champ of the world, and their Pascual Perez slug it out in a 10 round non-title fight to a draw in July at their Luna Park Stadium. Why should the fans expect Pascual to do any better in Tokyo than he had done in his own Buenos Aires?

The experts figured it the same way and the odds were what they had been thirty-two years before on their heavyweight challenger Firpo. Three to one. Whereas the wise heads in the land of the Pampas had given Firpo a good chance, Perez was not considered seriously by ring experts.

Events proved that either Perez outdid himself or was playing 'possum in his first fight in order to get a later shot at the crown.

On fight night, as the news filtered over the short wave radio to the squares and plazas of Buenos Aires, occasional fans stopped to listen. As time passed and the obvious became prominent, that their "Terrier" was forging into the lead and was winning the world title, more and more of his countrymen began to gather.

By the time the verdict was announced, giving Argentina

Champ Perez visits The Ring Magazine office. Left to right: Lew Eskin, research editor, Nat Loubet, managing editor, Nat Fleischer, editor in chief, Champ Perez, behind the champ his manager Lazaro Koci and far right, Amador A. Marin, Argentine Press Association. (Photo by O. Salas.)

World flyweight champ Pascual Perez adds his signature to bag hanging in The Ring Museum that contains the John Hancock of almost every champ from Sullivan on down.

King!

By NAT LOUBET

its first world champion, the Avenida de Mayo seethed with a frenzied crowd shouting, "Vive Peron, Vive Perez!"

En route to Argentina, Pascual Perez, champion of the flyweights, stopped in The Ring office. He was not to fight in America but was in the U. S. to pick up an American automobile, show his wife Herminia the sights, and find out when he would receive his world championship belt from Nat Fleischer.

The swarthy, bull-necked champ with hair that could have stood cutting and dressed in not quite the height of fashion, was bubbling with enthusiasm over his new laurels.

Said he, "I intend to be a fighting champion, and I'll give every contender a chance at the title."

America? "A wonderful place but I'll be happy to get back to my children, Pasculita and Miguel Angel. My lettle girl (he referred to his wife) she has more toys and clothing for the cheeldren I hope it will not cost us too much extra on our bags for being over the weight."

This after receiving a telegram from Peron, president of his country, thanking him for what he had accomplished.

His board of strategy assured him that he wouldn't have to pay anything extra on the plane.

The twenty-eight year old champ showed evidence of his environment. Lacking in schooling, due to the fact that he came from a poor family of nine which required the working services of all to make ends meet, Perez became a vineyard worker.

For a small guy, he's a bare five feet tall, he has from early youth been strong and blessed with the stamina of the rugged manual laborer.

He became interested in fighting when he discovered that he could beat the other field hands in rough and tumble fighting.

Against the wishes of his parents, by 1944 he had become an amateur of some renown. That year he won the Argentine flyweight title. This he repeated in 1946, 1947, and in 1948.

His amateur record shows more than a hundred contests with few losses.

Here we see the champ exhibiting the trophy he received in Tokyo, emblematic of his newly won crown.

In 1946, in Chile, he won the American-Latin title. He repeated in Brazil in 1947, and went on to greater glory by winning the flyweight crown in the 1948 Olympics in England.

In 1949 his father compelled him to quit the ring but young Perez liked the sport so much that he fought under an assumed name, Pablo.

In 1950 he again won the Argentine crown. He lost in the Pan American championships in 1951 and after three more amateur fights, turned professional.

As Perez puts it, "I was a janitor in the civil service of my government in Mendoza and didn't make enough money so I decided to take a chance as a professional."

He is undefeated in twenty-three pro bouts, in which he has scored twenty knockouts. A lot of power for a guy who weighs, soaking wet, no more than 108 pounds.

A hard body puncher who can, when necessary, adopt a stand-up style, he is a whirlwind inside the ropes. That led to his nickname "El Terrier" which in both Spanish and English means: "small, vicious dog."

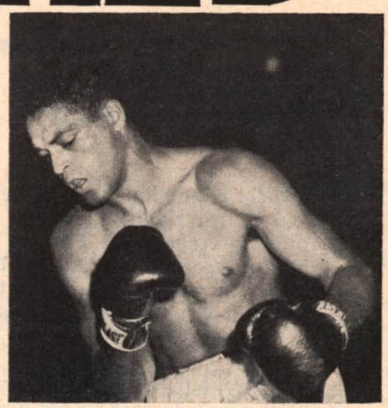
Ask Shirai about Pascual's ferocity and tenacity and his answer will indicate that the mighty mite is well named.

He resembles Franki Genaro, who once held the world flyweight title. Those who have seen him fight draw a parallel in ring work as well as features.

Editor Nat Fleischer shows the champ part of the famous collection of watches belonging to past champs that nests in Ring office. (Photo by O. Salas)

RING RATINGS EMBRACE The WORLD

Andrews, Fighter of the Month



By NAT FLEISCHER

THE excellent performance of Paul Andrews of Buffalo against the Number One Light Heavyweight contender, Boardwalk Billy Smith in their recent bout in Miami in which Paul halted Billy in a thrilling encounter in the sixth round, earned for Andrews the Fighter of the Month award. Andrews, who previously had been defeated by Joey Maxim, showed big improvement and indicated that he will have to be reckoned with in the challengers' listing.

Activity for the month, following the usual year-end vacation, brought out many of the top names in the various divisions, an indication that the sport is in for a little uplift this year. By halting Smith, Andrews automatically shoved Joey Maxim back into the top rung of the contenders' post and caused Smith to drop from the Number One position to fifth.

Nino Valdes and Don Cockell remain at the top of the heavyweight division as leading contenders for a shot at Marciano's crown and Rex Layne, by his good performance against Heinz Neuhaus and Charley Norkus, who defeated Roland La Starza, joined the ranking ten.

Floyd Patterson who is making great headway in the light heavyweight ranks, has been upped to fourth by his fine victory over middleweight Willie Troy.

Johnny Sullivan of England, the British champion, has gained a place in the middleweight division. He is now rated tenth.

There were several other minor changes in the division in which Mitri has been advanced to sixth and Troy has dropped to eighth. Bobby Jones moved up to seventh place.

Carmen's Basilio's knockout of Ronnie Harper and the inactivity of Kid Gavilan, saw Basilio regain his top challenger's place in the welter division with Kid Gavilan dropping below him. Vince Martinez, who is coming along nicely, is now ranked third.

In the lightweight class, Duilio Loi, who made his U. S. debut in Miami against Glen Flanagan, is on the heels of Paddy DeMarco as the outstanding contender for a bout with champion Jimmy Carter.

Ralph Dupas, who snapped Cisco Andrade's unbeaten string, remains third with Andrade dropped from seventh to ninth place. Wallace Bud Smith advanced to fifth with Johnny Gonsalves, with whom he fought a draw, rated sixth.

The feather class finds Bobby Bell, who upset Rudy Garcia, rated eighth with Gracia dropping from fourth to seventh place.

The only other important change is that in which Chamrern Songkitrat of Thailand has been dropped to third place to make room for Mario D'Agata of Italy. While the Siamese has been inactive since his fight with Robert Cohen, D'Agata has winning fights for his climb in the bantamweight sector.

Oscar Suarez, Cuban flyweight champion who may be matched with Pascual Perez for the opening show in Cuba's gigantic arena that is in the process of completion, has gained ninth place.

Here are the months leading results:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Bob Baker outscored Coley Wallace, 10. Cesar Brion outmauled Dan Bucceroni, 10.

Embrell Davidson defeated Henry Hall, 8. John Summerlin stopped Arthur Wright, 6.

Bob Hill stopped Earl Keel, 2. Howard Tucker kayoed Paul Wagner, 1.

Wayne Bethea stopped Harold Carter, 7. Dale Hall and Jake Williams was called a no contest, 10. John Holman kayoed Bo Willis, 8, and defeated Julio Mederos, 10.

Hosea Chapman knocked out Bob O'Bannon, 8. Amos Lincoln kayoed George Tavares, 6, and beat Gene Brixon, 8. Oscar Pharo kayoed Jimmy Saddler, 2.

Zora Folley kayoed Kid Zanzibar, 7. Jackie Tornay kayoed Harley Breshears, 7. Benny Thomas defeated Tom Tatum, 6. John Orgen defeated Rico Hackney, 6.

Pat McMurtry kayoed Kirby Seals, 2. Sonny Jones outpointed Howie Turner, 4. Bobby Spaeth stopped Whitey Peterson, 3.

Eddie Hearn decisioned Terry McDonald, 8. Ross Jenkins wrecked Fossie Schmidt, 3. Irish Champion Paddy Slavin stopped Sammy Mercier, 3. Peter Bates whipped Simon Templar, 8, and Cliff Purnell, 8. Willie Bean outpointed Howard King, 12. Swedish Champion Ingemar Johansson decisioned Ansel Adams, 8. Oscar Pharo outscored Buddy Thurman, 10.

Frank DeGrazio kayoed Pete Graham, 4. Gene White kayoed Munro Gage, 3. Roy French beat Billy Burke, 6. Al

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending January 16, 1955

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.
1—Nino Valdes, Cuba
2—Don Cockell, England
3—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, O.
4—Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
5—Earl Walls, Canada
6—Heinz Neuhaus, Germany
7—Rex Layne, Lewiston, Utah
8—Tommy Jackson, Far Rockaway, N. Y.
9—Charley Norkus, Jersey City, N. J.
10—Jimmy Slade, New York, N. Y.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
1—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, O.
2—Paul Andrews, Buffalo, N. Y.
3—Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N. Y.
5—Billy Smith, Atlantic City, N. J.
6—Gerhard Hecht, Germany
7—Marty Marshall, Detroit, Mich.
8—Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, B.W.I.
9—Willi Hoepner, Germany
10—Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, T. H.
1—Joey Giardello, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, O.
3—Holly Mims, Washington, D. C.
4—Charley Humez, France
5—Pierre Langlois, France
6—Tiberio Mitri, Italy
7—Bobby Jones, Oakland, Calif.
8—Willie Troy, Washington, D. C.
9—Eduardo Lausse, Argentina
10—Johnny Sullivan, England

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N. Y.
1—Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N. Y.
2—Kid Gavilan, Havana, Cuba
3—Vince Martinez, Paterson, N. J.
4—Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Freddy Dawson, Chicago, Ill.
6—Tony DeMarco, Boston, Mass.
7—Maurice Harper, Oakland, Calif.
8—Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
9—Hector Constance, Trinidad, B.W.I.
10—Joe Miceli, New York, N. Y.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
Jimmy Carter, New York, N. Y.
1—Paddy DeMarco, Brooklyn, N. Y.
2—Duilio Loi, Italy
3—Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
4—Frankie Ryff, New York, N. Y.
5—Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, O.
6—Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
7—Richie Howard, Canada
8—Orlando Zulueta, Cuba
9—Cisco Andrade, Compton, Calif.
10—Arthur Persley, Red Cross, La.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N. Y.
1—Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.
2—Percy Bassett, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Ray Famechon, France
4—Ciro Morasen, Cuba
5—Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria
6—Jean Sneyers, Belgium
7—Rudy Garcia, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Bobby Bell, Youngstown, O.
9—Orlando Echevarria, Cuba
10—Billy Kelly, Ireland

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
Robert Cohen, France
1—Raton Macias, Mexico
2—Mario D'Agata, Italy
3—Chamrern Songkitrat, Thailand
4—Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium
5—Willie Toweel, South Africa
6—Andre Valignat, France
7—Peter Keenan, Scotland
8—Bobby Sinn, Australia
9—Hilaire Pratesi, France
10—Nate Brooks, Cleveland, O.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
Pascual Perez, Argentina
1—Yoshio Shirai, Japan
2—Leo Espinosa, Philippines
3—Dai Dower, Wales
4—Nazzareno Gianelli, Italy
5—Danny Kid, Philippines
6—Tanny Campo, Philippines
7—Eric Marsden, England
8—Jake Tuli, South Africa
9—Oscar Suarez, Cuba
10—Antonio Diaz II, Spain

Adams outscored Rex Truax, 5.

Bob Caplette kayoed Jim McKenna, 4. Willie Coleman kayoed Chuck Church, 3. Cal Vernon kayoed Dick, 2.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Paul Andrews halted Billy Smith, 6. Floyd Patterson halted middleweight Willie Troy, 5.

Harold Johnson outpointed Marty Marshall, 10. Arthur Wright outscored Felix Antonio, 8. Bob Gordon kayoed Bobby Hughes, 1.

Joey DeJohn launched another comeback by kayoing Juan Naranjo, 1, and Yova Kid, 5. Johnny Jenkins stopped Elmo Lincoln, 7.

Herbie Hayes decisioned Earl Charity, 6. Luigi Cemulini lost to middleweight Ronnie Delaney, 10.

Lloyd Triplett stopped Frank McGarry, 5. Clint Bacon kayoed Jimmy Davis, 2.

Mel Brown outscored Irwin Schulz, 6. Dick Vess lost to Alvis Perkins, 6, and was stopped by Cal Vernon, 2. Harvey Taylor kayoed Tiger McHenry, 3, but lost to Bill Harrington, 6.

George Knowles decisioned Joe Moran, 6. Paul Kaylor defeated Ray Louis, 6. Reuben Smith kayoed Bruce Miller, 1.

Burke Emery beat Gus Bruno, 6. Bud Baker kayoed Eddie Walker, 3, and beat Joe Chibe, 5.

Jimmy Ruzzo kayoed Walter Cronin, 2, but was stopped by Bob Bolton, 1. Tom Tatum lost to heavyweight Benny Thomas, 6.

Junis Washington kayoed Billy Parker, 4. Sylvester Armstrong kayoed LeRoy Miller, 5.

Umberto Paccagnella outpointed Tony Feliciano, 8, and Rene Sauvage, 10. Joe Roude stopped Austin Jones, 7. Joey Rowan defeated Carlton Moore, 8, and Zack Hobbs, 8. Willi Hoepner finished Tony Lord, 1.

Don Grant kayoed Chebo Hernandez, 8. Eddie Cotton won on a disqualification from Frankie Daniels, 5. Gunnar Nilsson won from Ken Rowlands on disqualification, 6. Frank Bolla defeated Calvin Atkins, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Former champion Ray Robinson launched his comeback by kayoing Joe Rindone, 6. Willie Troy was stopped by light heavyweight Floyd Patterson, 5.

Al Andrews whipped Elmo Smith, 10. Billy McNeece edged out Bobby Dykes, 10.

Charlie Salas upset Georgie Johnson, 10. Ernie Durando whipped Jesse Turner, 10 but was stopped by Pete Muller, 7.

Gil Turner defeated Italo Scortichini, 10. Eddie Smith whipped Joe Shaw, 6.

Young Paulino kayoed Taruo Ogawa, 8. Billy Tisdale kayoed Jack Randolph, 5.

Andy Mayfield and Gus Rubicini ended to a double kayo, 4. Buddy J outpointed Cal Cooper, 6.

Ronnie Delaney whipped Luigi Cemulini, 10. Bobby Boyd defeated Bob Stecher, 10. Bob Bolton spoiled the comeback of Curtis Moore, by beating him, 8.

Johnny Lombardo kayoed Mel Parker, 4. Jackie Lovatt decisioned Billy Andy, 8. Paul Pender outboxed Ted Olla, 10 and kayoed Freddy Mack, 4.

Al Williams bested Vinnie DeCarlo, 10. Andy Brown kayoed Lester Brown, 8.

Eddie Smith kayoed Sherman Williams, 2. Williams also lost to Jimmy Welch, 8. Billy Hester whipped George Boddie, 8.

Dave Cochrane whipped Ike Jenkins, 6. Jim Cody outscored Ruben Hernandez, 6. John Houston kayoed Nate Spellman, 3.

Paul Nichols defeated Abie Cruz, 6. Danny Perez kayoed Willie Stevens, 2, and Satchel Porter, 2. Bill Nethers and Dick Kuster drew, 6, Nethers then lost to Billy Lauderdale, 6.

Billy Tuck decisioned Morris Moss, 6. Sonny Gill defeated Bobby Ross, 6, and Joe Cardenas, 6. Joe DeLuca drew with Joe Washington, 6.

Stan Ketchell decisioned Bert Gagnon, 6. Vern Stephenson beat Ossie Farrell, 6.

Mickey Rhodes kayoed Phelan Sampson, 9, and beat Richie Reed, 6, Reed then beat Jimmy Howard, 6. Bob Evans edged out Henry Bronko, 5.

Al Farese drew with Carlos Carbonell, 6. Frank DiGiorgio beat Lou Perry, 6.

Frank Perry halted Stan Michaux, 5. Ron Hirt stopped Bernie Giron, 3.

Jim Robinson kayoed Charley Purvis, 3. Kel Wayne kayoed John Rowland, 5.

German Champion Hans Stretz outpointed Gaston Melebrouck, 8. Hamouda Bouraoui decisioned Marcel Tirel, 10. Bobby Jones outpointed Charlie Salas, 10. Tim Jones and Fred Terry drew, 6. Alessandro D'Ottavio whipped Kid Gamero, 10.

Rocky Castellani outpointed Holly Mims, 12. Jimmy Demery beat Eddie McGowan, 6. Charlie Cotton kayoed Clarence Riley, 6. Frankie Anslem defeated Charley Douglas, 6. Italo Scortichini drew with welterweight Joe Miceli, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Carmen Basilio kayoed Ronnie Harper, 4. Del Flanagan outscored Bob Rossie, 10.

Hector Constance and Johnny Brown drew, 10. Maurice Harper outpointed Frankie Fernandez, 10.

Somdez Yongkitrat kayoed Ray Rico, 8. Pete Adams whipped Jimmy Martinez, 10.

Earl Dennis whipped Bobby Dalton, 10. Bobby Bickle outscored Chuck Foster, 10.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT — Franco Cavicchi, Italy

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT — Horst Niche, Germany

MIDDLEWEIGHT — Eddie Connors, Sharon, Mass.

WELTERWEIGHT — Norman Johnson, Milwaukee, Wis.

LIGHTWEIGHT — Benny Artist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

FEATHERWEIGHT — Bobby Scanlon, Buffalo, N. Y.

BANTAMWEIGHT — Aristide Pozzali, Italy

FLYWEIGHT — Pat Supple, Montreal, Canada

Ramon Tiscerano drew with Ernie Greer, 10.

Joey Klein halted Gerry Dreyer, 7. Miguel Diaz outscored Pat Lowry, 10. Harold Jones halted Tino Longoria, 8.

Mario Trigo defeated Dalfus Brown, 10. Duke Harris bested Waldo Fusaro, 8. Al Wilson stopped Jimmy Champagne, 1.

Frankie Cockrell defeated Ray Hernandez, 10. Ray bested Frankie LaDoll, 6. Jose Edwin stopped Baby Hawkins, 5, and defeated Luis Samuels, 10.

Pirrin Vega decisioned Julio Cesar Jimenez, 10. Joe Castaneda defeated Gabriel Diaz, 10, but lost to Reyes Lopez, 10. Jimmy Perrault outscored Alan Kennedy, 8, and Bob Rossie, 8.

Gene Poirer defeated Bill Neri, 8. Tony Armantros defeated lightweight Joe Brown, 6. Sonny Bunn whipped Irvin Steen, 8.

Charley Sawyer kayoed Bobby Morales, 2. Lou Josephs kayoed Frankie LaDoll, 4.

Carmen Bartolmeo kayoed Tony Argo, 3. Tony Dupas kayoed Clyde Mayberry, 5, and outpointed Paul Jorgensen, 6.

Roy Alston stopped Dick Cannady, 5, but lost to Andy Figaro, 6. Reggie Chartrand kayoed Don Oates, 4. Billy Lynch kayoed Bertram Bailey, 1.

Chuck Cureton kayoed Martin Cambra, 3. Ralph Alvarez outscored Dick Newell, 6.

Boise Phillips kayoed Dick Sizbette, 5. Benny Washington decisioned Artie McCann, 6.

Billy Sudduth kayoed Jimmy Smith, 2. Abe Nance whipped Dave Cavazos, 6. Eddie Sims whipped Cliff Williams, 6.

Sammy Stone drew with Jimmy Ford, 6. Gene Johns whipped Eddie Troy, 6.

Carl Bronson kayoed George Mocaby, 2. Mel Collins defeated Ernie Williams, 6. Gerry Phelps kayoed Rene Hebert, 2.

Joe Miceli drew with middleweight Italo Scortichini, 10. Jean Ruellet drew with Franco Vescovi, 10. Jacques Prigent won from Michel Masson, 10.

Bachir Cheraka held to draw by Cisse Ousmane, 10. Manuel Correa became Spanish champion by beating Emilio Orozco, 12. Sandy Manuel edged out Albert Carroll, 8. Louis Carr stopped Billy Epps, 3. Ralph Cervantes halted Jim Sparks, 4.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ralph Dupas handed Cisco Andrade his first loss by decisioning him, 10. Johnny Gonsalves drew with Wallace (Bud) Smith, 10.

Baby Vazquez won the Mexican title by stopping Raul Esqueda, 9. Ludwig Lightburn stopped Al Hunter, 5.

Richie Howard outpointed Brian Kelly, 10. George Monroe whipped Merrill Olmstead, 10. Nunu Randle kayoed Jimmy Walker, 1.

Severo Fuentes defeated King Tut, 10. Enrique Esqueda kayoed Hernan Gonsalez, 7, and Beto Carvajal, 2.

Carl Coates outscored Damasco Collazzo, 8, and Armand Savoie, 10. Chuck Adkins halted Jay Watkins, 6. Hector Garcia whipped Juan Leanos, 10. Karry Boardman stopped Juan Martinez, 4.

Kenny Lane whipped Danny Joe Perez, 10.

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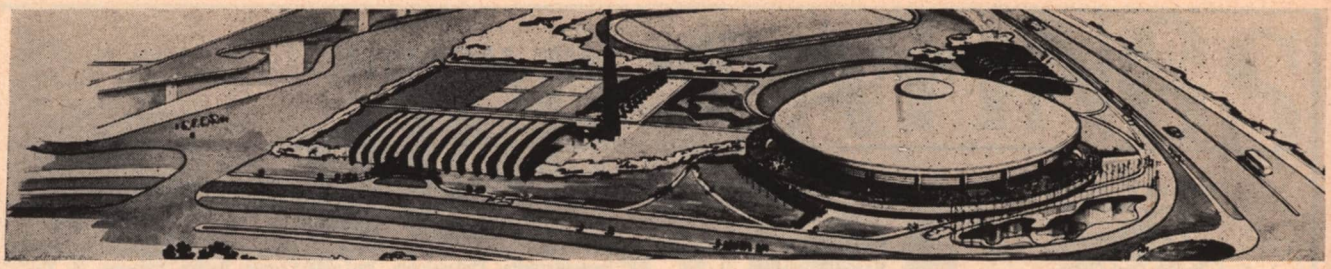

Cuba Builds Sports Center

Col. Roberto Miranda Fernandez, brother-in-law of President Batista of Cuba, who heads huge sports project. Above, the new stadium in Havana as it will appear when completed. It is under construction and will take care of 40,000 spectators. An outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts and playgrounds are part of the Batista government project.

By NAT FLEISCHER

MY recent visit to Cuba was an eye opener. President Batista's government is moving ahead for the good not only of boxing, but of all athletic endeavor in that island nation.

Batista long has been a firm believer in the tremendous benefits to be derived from active participation in sports, and from being able to see great amateur and professional contestants perform.

He is convinced that sports help to keep people away from the mischiefs of Communism, of lawlessness and general delinquency.

As a consequence, the government of Cuba is building a new stadium which will seat 45,000 persons. It will have a roof which will be rolled back for outdoor events in suitable weather. A huge outdoor swimming pool, three tennis courts, several playground areas, all adjoining the Stadium, will complete the set-up for the sports center.

A couple of square blocks have been set aside for the new project, which will cost approximately $5,000,000 and give to Havana an arena even larger than the one which is being built in New York at Columbus Circle.

With the arena itself cleared for horse shows, for polo, for athletic events, for games, there will be more than 20,000 side seats.

Col. Roberto Miranda Fernandez is in charge of the enterprise now, and will direct it after its completion. The new arena will include a hospital for athletes, amateur and professional. There will be a public dining room seating more than 1000 persons.

Pres. Batista's efforts along sports lines include a campaign to bring a Marciano-Valdes fight to Havana. He also plans for other big boxing events in addition to international athletic competition.

Rocky has had an offer of $250,000 to fight Nino. There appears to be little chance that this fight will take place in Havana. But Batista deserves an A for effort. At least he did his utmost to obtain for Valdes the chance he and his people believe Nino is entitled to.

The new arena is part of a vast campaign to fight off efforts to reduce Cuba's position in the Caribbean tourist business. The arena it is hoped will be ready by next winter and a bid will be made to bring the Pan-American games there.

There are many counter attractions in the Caribbean country, and Cuba is wise to move fast to retain its high place. The huge sports project is part of the program arranged by the Minister of Education and is being carried out by Col. Fernandez and his staff.

A new Hilton hotel is going up, and a reorganized Tourist Bureau is drawing up major plans to attract Americans and others to the Pearl of the Antilles.

Cuba long has had a high place in boxing and baseball. Its ball players are becoming increasingly important in the major leagues in the United States.

Cuba was the first nation to set up a Medical Advisory Board, with stringent medical examinations for boxers.

Col. Fernandez, brother-in-law of Batista, heads the National Sports Commission with Ernesto Azua, Sports Columnist of El Mundo and Boxing Commissioner, his chief aide. Azua is trying to get Pascual Perez to defend his flyweight title against Cuba's champion, as the opening attraction of the new stadium.

Luis Godoy, one of Havana's leading sportsmen who has promoted many major boxing attractions in the past and as a hobby manages fighters; Oscar Conill, who promotes throughout the Caribbean area and sends many boxers to Florida and Cuco Conde are the men behind the guns in Cuban pugilistic affairs. They know the game from A to Z and give the fans excellent attractions.

With Luis Godoy, I flew from Havana to Miami to see the Paul Andrews-Boardwalk Billy Smith fight and was surprised at the number of Cubans in attendance. I also learned that more than half of each card staged by Major Pepples and Chris Dundee, Florida's leading promoters who work with the International Boxing Club, are Cubans.

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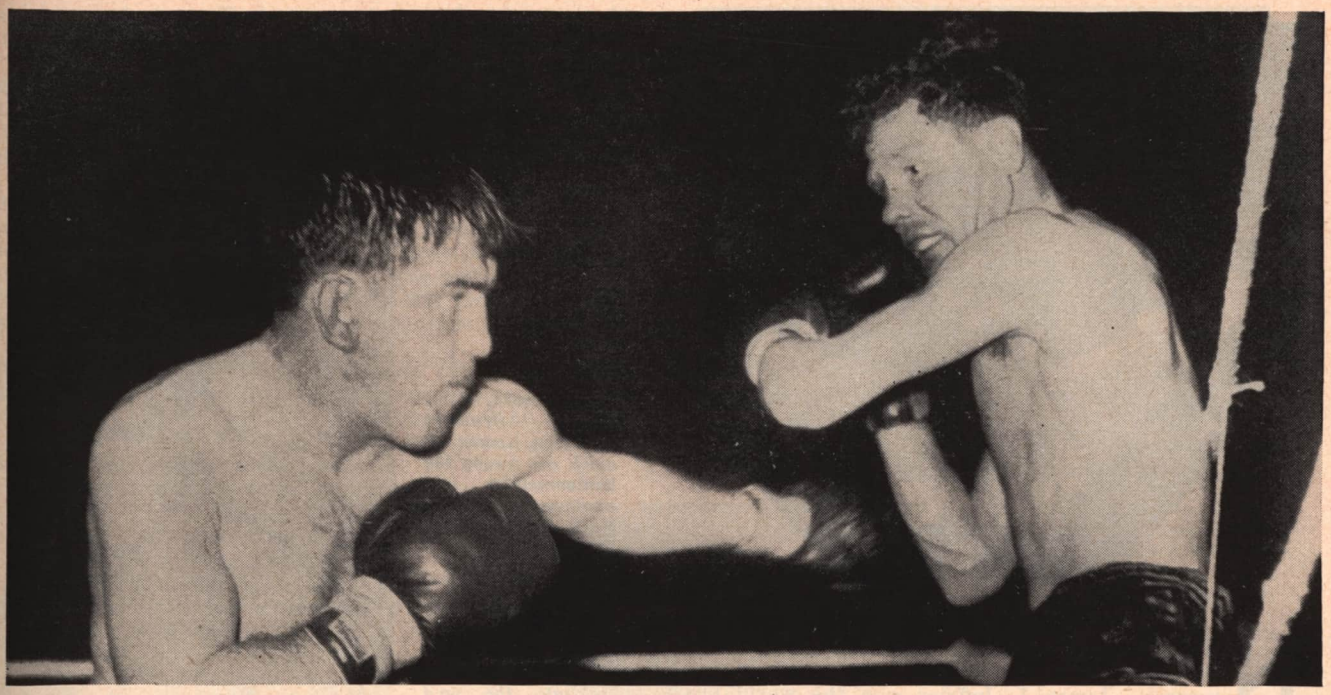
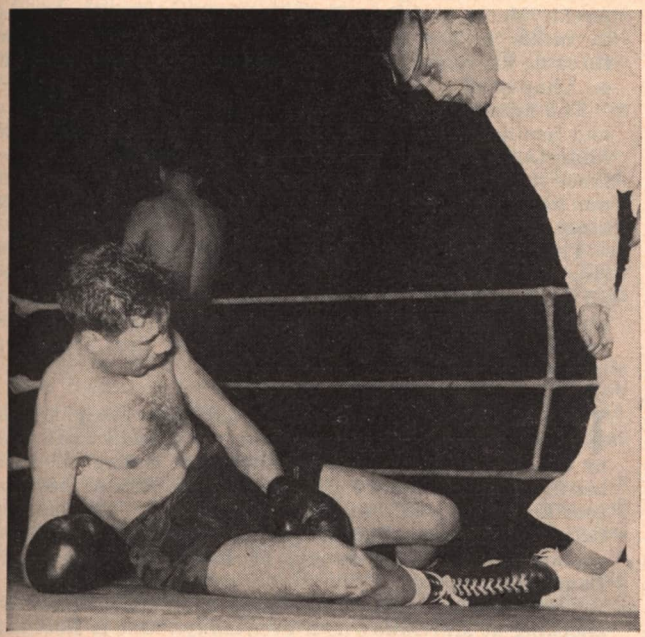
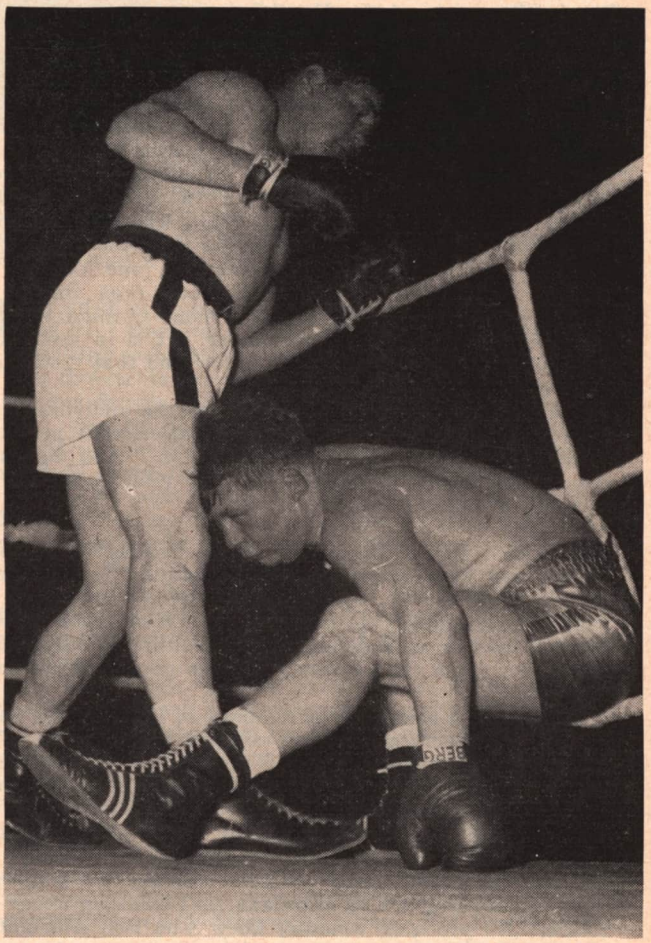


FOREIGN FIGHTS

(Above) Veteran Kid Dussart (left) sticks out his left and pulls out a ten rounds decision over European welterweight champion Wally Thom in Liege, Belgium. (Below) Rex Layne (left) batters European heavyweight champion Heinz Neuhaus to the canvas in the eighth round in Dortmund, Germany. The bout wound up as a ten round draw.



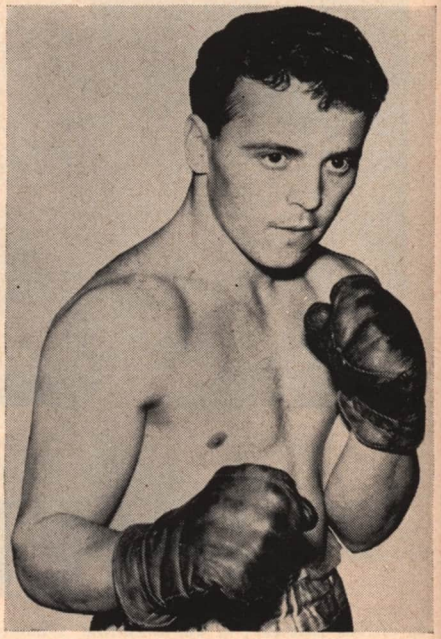
Tony Lord, floored with a left hook to the liver by German light heavyweight champion Willi Hoepner, in the first round at Dortmund, got up—only to be dropped again by the same punch and into the same spot. The fight ended then and there. Referee (at right) is Walter Neusel, former German heavyweight champion.



Kids Grow Up

By AL BUCK

Nate Brooks, 1952 Olympic flyweight champion, made a quick rise among the bantamweights and went on to win the North American title.



Billy Short, a North Carolina Golden Gloves champion for several years, his entry into the paid ranks in 1954 saw him undefeated in eleven bouts, one a draw with Pappy Gault.

NOTHING is guaranteed in boxing, unless it is a champion's purse. There is no sure formula for success. James J. Jeffries won the world heavyweight championship in his 13th fight. It took Gene Tunney 10 years to make it.

Fistic prospects come from everywhere, and in all sizes and shapes. They may range in size from Bob Albright, Los Angeles heavyweight, to Jimmy Carson, Irish featherweight. One has only to review the career of Pascual Perez, Argentine flyweight, to note he became world champion in his 23rd fight. He has boxed professionally only two years.

How near is a prospect to a title fight? Then again how far?

The men we are considering have been listed in the Ring's "Prospects of the Month" during last year. Their achievements are in the card-index kept in the office of "The Ring" in Madison Square Garden, and have already been transferred to the pages of the 1955 edition of "Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia" which will be out in a few weeks.

Of course these fighters have not appeared in the monthly ratings, where the first 10 in each division are listed. Few, if any of them were candidates for "Rookie of the Year" honors. They are prospects only, boys who have to prove themselves inside the ropes. Interest is in their potential.

Where rookie honors were concerned, one thought of Frankie Ryff, a main event performer, even though he had only 16 fights. Carmelo Costa came to mind too, and there were others like Gene Fullmer. It is in their footsteps that the prospects hope to follow and that it will lead to a championship.

The future, of course, depends on the individual. It rests on the equipment he has such as speed, skill, punching power and ability to take punishment. And he must possess the desire to succeed—a very vital factor in the make-up of every boxer.

PERHAPS a year from now all the prospects mentioned here will have faded from the picture. It is possible but we doubt it will happen if "The Ring" records of the past are a criterion. It may be that one or more of those listed in this issue, will reach the top either as outstanding contenders for a championship or even get to the top rung of the ladder.

That's also a possibility since many of those named annually by this publication have reached the heights. Take a look at the names of a few—Jimmy Carruthers, Robert Cohen, Chamrern Songkitrat, Leo and Bonnie Espinosa, Raton Macias, Pascual Perez and Dai Dower. These are among a long list we could mention. They were first given to the public as boxers worth watching by "The Ring" and not long thereafter, these prospects reached the heights.

At this writing Rocky Marciano isn't thinking about any rookie. He probably wouldn't know who Bob Albright is. He may never have heard either of Joe Erskine or Claude Chapman.

To him and to most of the scribes, they are just the names of fighters to which no significance is attached. They are simply fighters of tomorrow and as such they have been tagged by "The Ring" in its monthly prospect list as fellows whose names are worth remembering.

Marciano's thoughts must be focused on Nino Valdes, Archie Moore and Don Cockell, heavyweights he may have to tackle in the near future. They are the ones who threaten his reign. Who, he may ask, is Albright or Erskine or Chapman?

The answer the champ must get is that they are the up-and-coming lads, mere prospects today, but perhaps future contestants for the world crown. They are far removed from the throne now, so far in fact, their existence may not have come as yet to the attention of the heavyweight king.

Yet there is no telling what the future holds for these ring prospects. The year 1955 may be a big one for one or all of them. At the moment they are only prospects, but already they have displayed sufficient ability to hit the fistic spotlight in their locality. That's the first step toward national recognition.

THE top prospect may be the light-heavyweight, Claude Chapman. He hails from Aiken, S. C., and was discovered by Beau Jack, former world lightweight champion. He lost his first fight to Rocky Hudson. Since then he has scored four knockouts while winning ten in a row. Chapman holds two decisions over Don McCray, National AAU 165-pound champion. Tall and rangy, he now makes his home in Cambridge, Mass.

There are a couple of All-Army champions, who may be knocking at Marciano's door eventually. One is Emil Brtko, 190 pounder from Pittsburgh. The other is Joe Tuvell of Fort Wayne, Ind. Tuvell won his soldier title in the light-heavyweight class, but now weighs 181 pounds. In five fights he has lost only to Stan Mylinski.

Brtko won and lost in bouts with Calvin Butler, but other-

wise is undefeated. He has scored seven knockouts in 11 starts.

Joe Erskine is from Wales, the corner of the British Isles that produced Tommy Farr. Bob Albright is a full-fledged heavyweight, weighing 210 pounds. Undefeated in 11 starts he has boxed one draw and has scored four knockouts. His best victory to date was over Frank Buford.

Another promising heavyweight is New York's Wayne Bethea, runner-up in the Golden Glove competition. He has knocked out two of his six opponents, and was held to a draw by Howie Turner. Undefeated former Marine, Pat McMurtry, of Tacoma, Wash., also rates high.

Among the light-heavyweights both Ray Grillo of Brooklyn and Eddie Jones of Chicago are regarded as promising.

THE middleweights have always been popular, and this class has several rookies who have a chance of moving into top competition. One such is Clarence Cook of Bastrop, La., who has won 15 of 16 fights. He showed real ability in defeating the veteran Vic Cardell.

Cook may be the one to develop into a challenger for the world middleweight title and so may Tom Hickey of Chicago. Hickey is a former National Collegiate champion, and like the more celebrated Chuck Davey, graduated from Michigan State.

Then there is Rueben Hernandez, hailing from San Francisco, and Richie Reed from Tacoma, Wash. Fred Terry and Marty Feldman, both of Philadelphia, should be included among the middleweight prospects.

JOHNNY SAXTON, newly crowned world welterweight champion, has Carman Basilio to contend with, but Reybon Stubbs is on his way. Stubbs, Inter-City Golden Gloves Champion, has scored six knockouts while winning eight straight.

There are several standouts among the welterweights. Among them is Carmen Barfolomeo of Philadelphia, with 13 victories in 14 fights. Bartolomeo has scored eight knockouts. Another Philadelphian, Ed Corma, who has won nine out of nine.

Chuck Adkins, Olympic 140-pound champion, comes from Gary, Ind., home town of Tony Zale, ex-world middleweight champion. Adkins has won 14 of 16 fights. He has been stopped twice by Ernie Greer, both times on cuts.

Artie Thelemaque of St. Albans, N. Y., is another young welterweight worth watching.

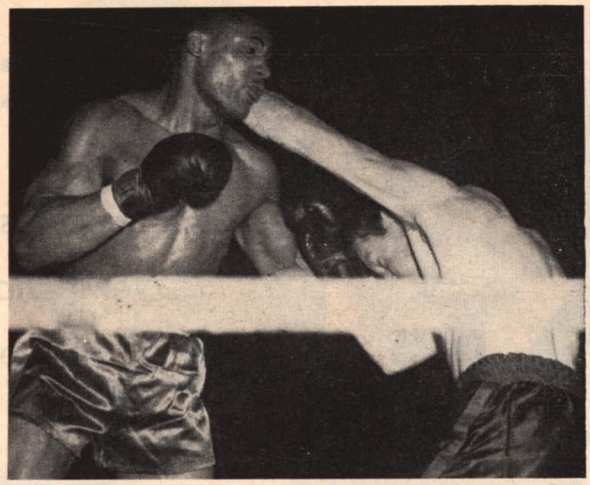
Two rookies already hold French titles. One is the undefeated North African, Seraphin Ferrer, who became French lightweight champion in his 14th fight when he defeated Augustine Caulet. The other is Cherif Hamia, who also in his 14th fight became featherweight champion of France. He knocked out Jacques Dumesnil to win the title. Both are well rated in this issue's Annual Ranking of World Boxers.

IN addition to Ferrer the lightweight prospects include Tony Dupas of New Orleans. He is a brother of Ralph Dupas, fourth ranking lightweight contender. Only 16 years old, Tony has won 14 of his 15 fights. His lone defeat was suffered in a bout with a middleweight.

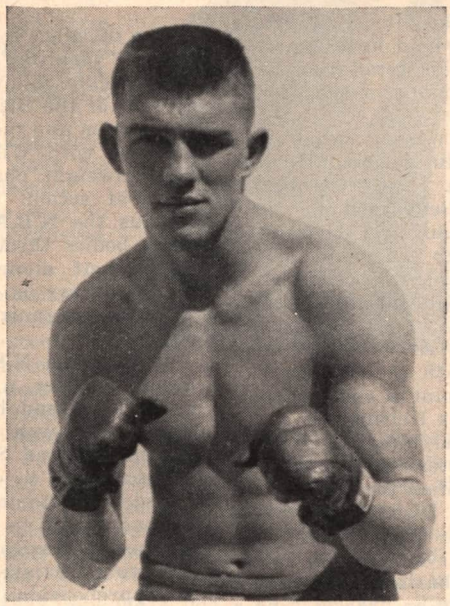
Other lightweight prospects are Johnny Gorman of Brooklyn, winner of 12 out of 13, and Larry Boardman of Marlboro, Conn., who has lost only one of 22 ring battles. Marvin Droddy of Houston, Tex., completes the list.

In addition to Hamia, the featherweight class has a fine prospect in Billy Short of Charlotte, N. C. Short has boxed a draw with Pappy Gault, former North American bantamweight champion. He also knocked out Don Webber while winning 10 of his 11 fights. Billy is a southpaw.

Also worthy of consideration is Harold Smith, a Golden Gloves champion in Washington, D. C., who has scored seven straight knockouts since becoming a professional. Harold is a brother of Gene Smith, a top-flight featherweight.



Ed Sanders, 1952 Olympic heavyweight champion, showed much promise in his brief career. Tragedy struck him late in 1954 when he was kayoed by more experienced Willie James and died the following day.



Pat McMurtry, Tacoma, Wash., heavyweight, former Marine and multiple amateur champion, who is undefeated in eleven pro bouts, having scored ten kayoes.

Still another undefeated featherweight is David Oved of Israel, who is campaigning in the U.S.A. under the able management of the veteran Jimmy Bronson. Len Walters of Vancouver, B. C., has won nine straight. Owen Romero of New Orleans is a fine prospect.

BEST of the young bantamweights are Jamie Carabello and Pepi Martinez, both of San Francisco. England has a promising youngster in Colin Barber.

The flyweights are scattered all over the world, and include Pat Supple of Montreal and Jackie Spurgeon of New York. Speedy Nacola of the Philippines is a contender. Two Mexicans—Zurdo Castillo and Urbano Velazquez—should be heard from during the current year.

Not to be over looked in the rookie parade are Alain Chervilla, Belgian light-heavyweight, and the young Australian lightweight Colin Clarke. Both may be heard from in the months just ahead.

It is safe to assume not one of the fighters listed as prospects have appeared in a televised bout. Someday they may become household names, but that is for the future to decide.

And tomorrow's fighting youngsters? Where will they come from, who will help develop them and how far will they go? The Ring tabs them for you and traces their progress.

That their accomplishments so far have been brought to the public's attention is due entirely to the service furnished by "The Ring", not only to the fighters and fans, but also to promoters and the various boxing commissions.

Among these prospects may be a future Marciano, perhaps another Louis. Sugar Ray Robinson was once a promising amateur, a prospect destined to win both the welterweight and middleweight titles. Kid Gavilan's first fight was a four rounder. Such is the history of boxing.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Racket Buster Helfand N.Y. Boxing Hope

New Chairman has impressive reputation

N.B.A. Decision on Cohen Baffles Analysis

THERE has been an ironical twist in the gubernatorial selections of chairmen of the New York State Athletic Commission in recent years.

With all the talk going around about hoodlums, gangsters and other undesirables in boxing, one would have expected Thomas E. Dewey, who had built up his reputation as a "racket-buster", to have appointed commissioners of his own peculiar talents. But he didn't.

The first chairman Dewey named was a corporation lawyer and former amateur boxer, Eddie Eagan. He was succeeded by a hotel manager, Robert K. Christenberry. Eagan and Christenberry were excellent men in their own fields, but they were not equipped to unravel the strange goings-on behind the local boxing scenes. They were idealist, unfamiliar with the weird shenanigans perpetrated by the sinister forces that had chiselled into the boxing industry.

Now along comes a new Governor, Averill Harriman, who has had little, if any, contact with the underworld. Yet one of his first moves was to appoint a real "racket-buster" to head the Commission,—Julius Helfand.

Whether J. Helfand, 52-year-old Brooklynite, will produce better results than did Eagan and Christenberry remains to be seen. But he certainly is well qualified for the job.

During his long stay in the Brooklyn District Attorney's office, Helfand had plenty of experience with hoodlum elements, and that experience ought to serve him well in his new assignment. That he really means business is indicated by his appointment of another authority on "rackets" as a deputy commissioner and the chairman's confidential aid. He is William Dahut, a fellow Brooklynite, and associate of Helfand in the Brooklyn D.A.'s office for ten years. Dahut was in charge of the borough's Rackets Bureau when he accepted the new job.

It's a tough problem that Helfand faces, but if anybody figures to have the right answers, he is the one. He can depend on the decent elements in boxing for all the cooperation he may need.

The New York Commission always has exercised a tremendous influence over world boxing but much of this has been lost recently due to the removal of major contests to other parts of the International Boxing Club's domain. Commissioner Helfand has it in his own power to bring that prestige back to the greatest sports center of the universe. Other big men have tried to lift the sport to the place it had occupied in the Golden era of boxing but found it impossible to track down the undercover rodents whose recent boldness, open defiance of the authorities, collusion and threats have brought professional pugilism almost to a crisis.

Boxing is not in a healthy state in this country. Unless those within the sport clean house, or at least help the commissions to keep boxing out of the hands of the hoodlums, a Senate Committee investigation may force Federal Control—the worst thing that could happen to boxing.

Senator Magnuson of Washington, an ardent sports fan, has made known his intention to start a drive through the Senate Crime Investigation Committee against boxing racketeers and New York may be the focal point.

That's why the Rackets Busting District Attorney who now heads the New York Commission will have his work closely watched. He has a tough job. Any help this publication can give him, will be his for the asking.

The uncalled for action of the National Boxing Commission in "vacating" Robert Cohen's world bantamweight title, was quickly followed by the announcement that with the consent of the British Boxing Board of Control, the French Federation and the European Boxing Union, Cohen had been matched with Willie Toweel of South Africa for a world bantamweight championship bout, with Johannesburg the scene of action.

Thus the N.B.A., which has a working agreement with these bodies through the World Championship Committee, finds itself alone. New York, whose former chairman Christenberry is head of the World Committee, like the European organizations, has refused to support the N.B.A. action.

It took the N.B.A. many months to decide the case of Sandy Saddler, a champion who repeatedly has defied an order to defend his crown. Yet only three months after Cohen had won universal recognition as world bantam champion, Fred Saddy's Rating Committee decided on an "elimination" to decide Cohen's successor.

Saddy's comment, "we have unseated Cohen because he has failed to abide by our decision to engage Raton Macias of Mexico in a title bout within ninety days after defeating Chamrern Songkitrat," is founded on, at least, a misapprehension.

I wrote the contract for the title bout in Bangkok and in this it was agreed that the winner would sign for a championship title defense against the boxer chosen by the world championship committee and that the signing would take place within ninety days. The signing, not the fight.

At the time, Pierre Cosseymns of Belgium was the outstanding contender. But a draw and two defeats at a later date put him out of the picture. When the Championship Committee consisting of Christenberry; J. Onslow Fane of the British Board and president of the E.B.U.; Eduardo Rabret of France and an added starter, Livingston Osborne of Illinois representing the N.B.A., that body named Raton Macias of Mexico, Willie Towell of South Africa and Chamrern Songkitrat of Thailand as the three outstanding contenders and any of those three were eligible for the title bout.

Hence I cannot understand wherein the N.B.A. through its Rating Committee, could insist on naming Macias as the opponent for Cohen in his first championship match. If Mr. Osborne represented the N.B.A. in the London conference, he had the authority no doubt to agree to the three mentioned as contenders.

There is nothing in the original contract for the Songkitrat-Cohen bout which stipulates that the winner must fight the American title holder and no one else. Nor is there anything stipulating that the scene of action must be in the States. The champion has the right to select any of the first three contenders, barring Songkitrat in a return match until after one of the other challengers had had a shot at the crown.

Though Macias was more deserving of the first chance at Cohen's title since he is both the Number One contender and the best of the bantams on this side of the Atlantic,

under the terms of the championship contract signed by Cohen and Songkitrat with me in England, the winner had the right to select one of the first three contenders and to name the scene for the first title defense. This was done in accordance with the wishes of the World Championship Committee.

How Willie Towell, the South African champion, ever got into the picture is a mystery, since there are several bantams entitled to consideration ahead of him. Apparently, through some maneuvering, more money was offered Cohen for a title defense in Johannesburg than was offered him to box Macias in America and the Mexican lost out. Cohen is said to be getting $42,500 for the South African bout with Cohen to receive as a guaranteed $35,000.

But that is no reason for the N.B.A. to deprive Cohen of his well-earned crown. He is still the champion and will be until he is defeated. The courts have ruled that the championship is a commercial asset and must be taken from the owner without his consent. It behooves the N.B.A. to guard against court procedure which may result in heavy damages.

There are other ways to punish offenders than by relieving them of a title such as long term suspensions. Such suspensions, if honored by all states in the N.B.A. and out of it, would be the means for forcing title holders into championship defenses. We'ed get action.

The Ring Editor wants to encourage champions to defend their crown frequently. He doffs his hat to Bobo Olson, a true fighting champion.

"Vacating" championships is not the way to justice. It is the best means for creating confusion.

James D. Norris, head of International Boxing Club Empire whose help will be sought by New York Commission to rebuild the state into its former top status.

The report of the New York Commission to the Secretary of State on the income for boxing and wrestling in 1954, shows to what extent the sport has suffered in recent months. Whether we attribute the fall to television or to the poor calibre of shows, the fact remains that patronage has fallen to such extent that several commissions head organizations that have no boxing within their domain or haven't taken in sufficient funds in taxes to defray the expenses of these who have been designated to supervise the sport.

In New York State, boxing taxes were about $175,000 less than in 1953 and in the whole country, about $500,000 less.

In the year when World War II ended, New York had its banner year in boxing. Since 1936 that high mark has never been touched. The treasury of the State of New York then was enriched by the sum of $469,248.80, the highest in the past two decades. The following two years saw a drop of more than $100,000, with $333,940.88 and $359,485.09, respectively.

Now compare those figures with the current State report. In 1954 the New York Commission received in taxes from boxing alone, $76,433.81 and from wrestling, $42,583.57. The taxes from boxing included four major shows in which world titles were at stake—the two bouts between Rocky Marciano and Ezzard Charles, the Johnson-Moore light heavyweight championship contest and the lightweight title bout between Jimmy Carter and Paddy DeMarco. These four championship matches contributed a total of $46,425.78 in State taxes, leaving a balance of $30,008.03 for all other contests throughout the state, Bouts in Madison Square Garden, Eastern Parkway, St. Nicholas Arena, Sunnyside Gardens, White Plains Center, Onondaga County War Memorial Arena and several other odd clubs in New York, contributed the thirty thousand dollars.

During the post war era, in which boxing was enjoying its best days since the late twenties and early thirties, several shows in the House that Tex Built failed to gross more than $10,000. But the majority went from $20,000 to $60,000, thus enabling the State to benefit handsomely from boxing. New York is the world center for sports and as such should be given more consideration in the matches of the International Boxing Club, the world's premier organization. It should receive the cream of the matches and that means more championship bouts than have been alloted to the Empire State in the past year.

The first Marciano-Charles bout with its gross of $543,092.24 contributed $25,349.64 to New York's treasury and the second, which grossed only $352,654, paid into the State coffers a total of $15,565. The Moore-Johnson title bout with a gross of only $34,024, turned in $4,142 in taxes including radio and television and the DeMarco-Carter bout with only $23,727 gross, contributed $1,065.14.

All of which indicates a tremendous fall in arena attendance in New York, once the world's greatest boxing city but now relegated to secondary class.

From reports released by authoritative sources, more and more boxing has become a home television sport—with millions of non-paying addicts taking over. They have become the greatest critics, the toughest to please and the first to lambast promoters, sponsors, matchmakers, commissions, scribes and fighters when a contest fails to meet with their approval or a decision doesn't suit them. This despite the fact that they pay nothing to see the shows or contribute any money towards the upkeep of boxing.

I find no fault with those who prefer to stay at home. I have enjoyed many shows on television when circumstances prevented my attending them.

But I do find fault with the blasts that emanate from TV spectators every time a decision fails to meet with their approval, despite the fact, so often recorded, that one cannot judge a fight as accurately on TV as he can when seeing the bout from a ringside seat.

One thing is certain. It has been proved repeatedly that if a first class, attractive bout is staged, one in which public interest can be aroused and colorful fighters are the participants, even these sturdy critics will leave their cozy television rooms and make a personal appearance in the arena.

The recent Carter-DeMarco and Olson-Langlois bouts in San Francisco, several contests in the Memorial Arena of Syracuse, bouts staged in the Miami Beach Auditorium and the all-star card recently staged by Sam Silverman in the Boston Garden proves our case.

In the last named, a packed house attended the show with television blacked out and saw a card far superior to that staged in any arena in this country during the year.

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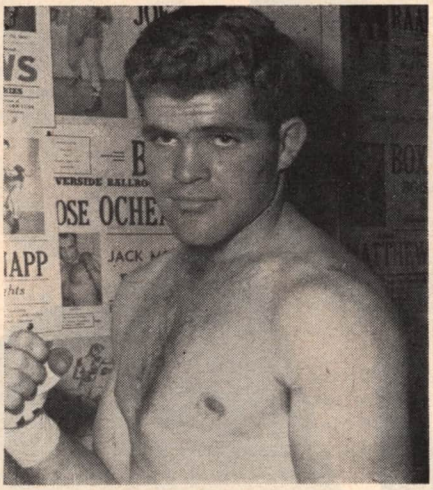
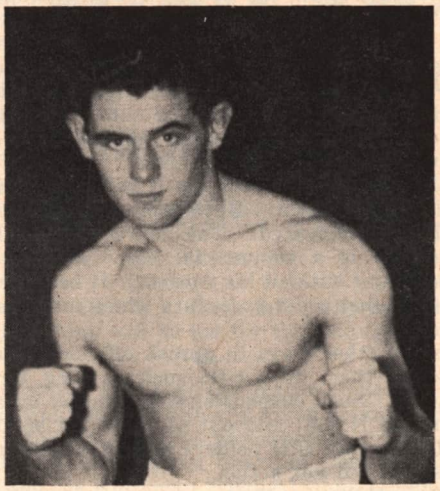


(Left) Harley Breshears, Parma, Idaho heavyweight who was a four way leader in 1954, scoring the most kayos, most wins, engaging in the most fights and main bouts. (Right) Pat McAteer, young British middleweight who with 17 wins leads the undefeated boys. Pat has won 32 straight since turning pro, and looms as the best young fighter in Europe.



By LEW ESKIN

LAST year we put together a box score on the busiest fighters in the world, the knockout kings, the undefeated leaders, the years biggest winners, the years biggest losers, the most active champions, the most active main bout fighters, and the horizontal champion. All these are among the interesting facts that can be found in the new 1955 edition of the Ring Record Book.

We received more mail on this new feature then we had received in a long time following a new article. So here we are again this year back at the old stand.

Last year's horizontal king was Tommy Hatcher who was kayoed 9 times. This year Tommy had two more fights, getting kayoed once and losing the other. He then retired. However, while it took him 13 bouts last year to get stopped 9 times, this year's champion, heavyweight Bill Mathias, had a prefect record. He was halted in 7 out of 7. Runner up Al Kelly, also a heavyweight, fell two short, being stopped 5 for 5. Also of note was Al Winn, who was kayoed 3 for 3 all in the first round.

Most active titleholder of 1953 was then welterweight king Kid Gavilan who made three title defenses in 10 bouts. This year it is middleweight king Carl (Bobo) Olson with three title bouts in 7 fights. Although featherweight boss Sandy Saddler had 9 bouts, all were non-title affairs.

Last year there were 15 boys who went undefeated in ten or more bouts. This year there were 25. Jed Black, Wisconsin welterweight, went 16 straight last year. In 1954 Pat McAteer, a British middleweight, upped that mark to 17. Harley Breshears who fought the most, won the most, scored the most kayos, and fought the

KNOCKED OUT MOST TIMES

NAMES	HOME TOWN	WEIGHTS	KO'ed by	Lost Dec.	Draws	Won	Total Bouts
Mathias, Bill	Oakland, Calif.	Heavyweight	7	0	0	0	7
Kelly, Al	Harrisburg, Pa.	Heavyweight	5	0	0	0	5
Brown, Willie	New York City, N. Y.	Lightweight	5	1	0	5	11
Norton, Richie	Bridgeport, Conn.	Heavyweight	4	0	0	0	4
Lynah, Ray	New York City, N. Y.	Lightweight	4	0	0	0	4
Graham, Pete	Detroit, Mich.	Heavyweight	4	1	0	0	5
Lemmons, Johnny	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Featherweight	4	0	0	1	5
Cobb, Perry	Vallejo, Calif.	Middleweight	4	0	0	1	5

MOST ACTIVE CHAMPIONS

NAMES	HOME TOWN	WEIGHTS	Title Bouts	KO's	Won Dec.	Non-Title Bouts	KO's	Won Dec.	Lost	Total
Olson, Carl	Honolulu, T. H.	Middleweight	3	1	3	4	4	0	0	7
Saddler, Sandy	New York, N. Y.	Featherweight	0	0	0	9	7	1	1	9

UNDEFEATED FOR YEAR (over ten fights)

NAMES	HOME TOWN	WEIGHTS	Won Dec.	KO's	Draws	Total Bouts
McAteer, Pat	England	Middleweight	8	9	0	17
Cavicchi, Franco	Italy	Light-Heavy	2	12	0	14
Soo, Jimmy	Philadelphia, Pa.	Lightweight	6	8	0	14
Perez, Pascual	Argentina	Flyweight	2	10	1	13
McMurtry, Pat	Tacoma, Wash.	Heavyweight	1	11	0	12
Barton, Ron	England	Light-Heavy	2	10	0	12
Ferrer, Seraphin	French Algeria	Lightweight	2	10	0	12
Carroll, Al	England	Lightweight	7	4	0	11
Vasquez, Lorenzo	Richmond, Calif.	Featherweight	5	6	0	11
Folley, Zora	Chandler, Ariz.	Heavyweight	5	6	0	11
Rosati, Mickey	Philadelphia, Pa.	Featherweight	7	3	1	11
Cambello, Jamie	San Francisco, Calif.	Bantamweight	6	4	2	12
Albright, Bob	Los Angeles, Calif.	Heavyweight	6	4	1	11
Jansen, Leen	Holland	Middleweight	8	2	0	10
Monzon, Antonio	Spain	Weterweight	8	2	0	10
Hoxey, Dixon	Seattle, Wash.	Welterweight	1	9	0	10
Harrington, Stan	Honolulu, T. H.	Welterweight	1	9	0	10
Corma, Eddie	Philadelphia, Pa.	Lightweight	4	6	0	10
Cook, Clarence	Bastrop, La.	Welterweight	2	4	0	10
Conners, Eddie	Sharon, Mass.	Welterweight	2	8	0	10
Amoroso, Freddy	Oakland, Calif.	Lightweight	2	8	0	10
Azteca, Kid	Mexico	Middleweight	2	8	0	10
Scanlon, Bobby	Buffalo, N. Y.	Featherweight	7	2	1	10
Moulton, Jimmy	New York, N. Y.	Lightweight	7	0	3	10
Bolognesi, Aurelliano	Italy	Lightweight	11	3	0	14

MOST WINS

NAMES	HOME TOWN	WEIGHTS	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's	KO'ed by	Total
Breshears, Harley	Parma, Id.	Heavyweight	22	1	0	20	1	23
McAteer, Pat	England	Middleweight	17	0	0	9	0	17
Randell, Rocky	Tampa, Fla.	Lightweight	16	4	2	8	0	22
Williams, Al	Los Angeles, Calif.	Middleweight	15	1	0	1	1	16
Dupas, Tony	New Orleans, La.	Welterweight	16	1	0	1	0	17
Kennedy, Alan	Bay City, Mich.	Welterweight	15	3	1	5	0	19
Bahama, Yama	Miami, Fla.	Middleweight	16	4	2	4	1	22
Cavicchi, Franco	Italy	Light-Heavy	14	0	0	12	0	14
Soo, Jimmy	Philadelphia, Pa.	Lightweight	14	0	0	8	0	14
Kawala, Pete	Minneapolis, Minn.	Lightweight	14	1	1	3	0	16
Ramponi, Art	Oakland, Calif.	Lightweight	14	3	1	11	0	18

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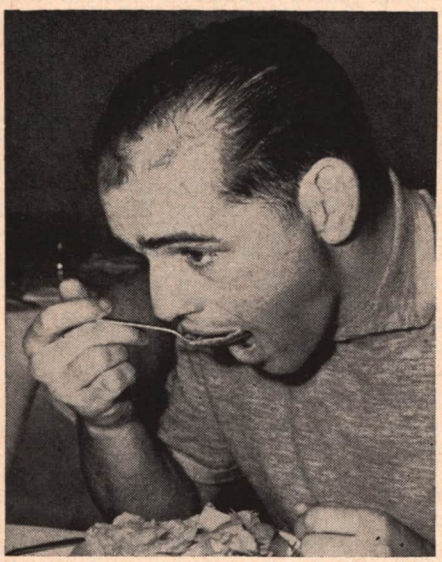
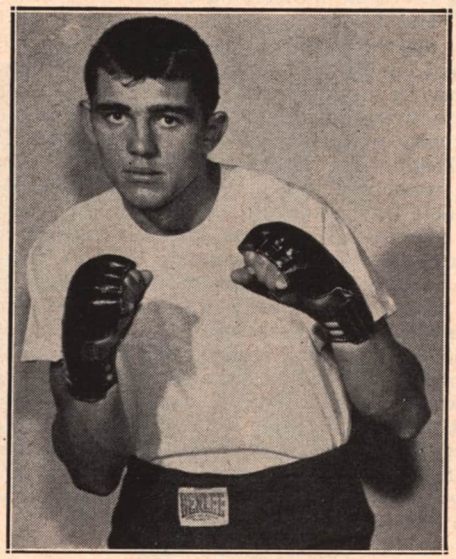


(Left) Carl (Bobo) Olson stows away the chow. The middleweight king also stowed away his foes, defending his crown 3 times to lead all champions in this respect. (Right) Ex-Marine Pat McMurtry, a Tacoma, Wash. heavyweight who had the highest knockout average with 11 kayoes in 12 fights. Pat is a bright prospect for the future.



MOST KNOCKOUTS

NAMES	HOME TOWN	WEIGHTS	Knockouts	One Round KO's	Total Bouts	Percent
Breshears, Harley	Parma, Id.	Heavyweight	20	1	23	.873
Cavicchi, Franco	Italy	Light-Heavyweight	12	1	14	.850
McMurtry, Pat	Tacoma, Wash	Heavyweight	11	3	12	.917
Ramponi, Art	Oakland, Calif	Lightweight	11	1	18	.611
Powell, Charlie	San Diego, Calif.	Heavyweight	10	3	12	.833
Barton, Ron	England	Middleweight	10	2	12	.833
Ferrer, Seraphin	French Algeria	Lightweight	10	1	12	.833
Galiana, Jose	Spain	Lightweight	10	1	12	.833
Perez, Pascual	Argentina	Flyweight	10	1	13	.857
Garcia, Hector	Mexico	Lightweight	10	0	15	.667

MOST FIGHTS

NAMES	HOME TOWN	WEIGHTS	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's	KO'ed by	Total
Breshears, Harley	Parma, Id.	Heavyweight	22	1	0	20	1	23
Bahama, Yama	Miami, Fla	Middleweight	16	4	2	4	1	22
Lambert, Andy	England	Lightweight	13	8	1	6	0	22
Randell, Rocky	Tampa, Fla.	Lightweight	16	4	2	8	0	22
Horton, Al	Sylacauga, Ala	Middleweight	8	12	1	1	2	21
Kennedy, Alan	Bay City, Mich	Welterweight	15	3	1	5	0	19
Ramponi, Art	Oakland, Calif	Lightweight	14	3	1	11	0	18
Porter, Stachel	Los Angeles, Calif	Middleweight	10	6	2	5	2	18

MOST DEFEATS

NAMES	HOME TOWN	WEIGHTS	Lost Dec.	KO'ed by	Totals	Draws	Total Bouts
Mokhfi, Bouadjemi	Algeria	Lightweight	11	1	12	0	12
Phillips, Boise	Los Angeles, Calif	Welterweight	8	3	11	0	12
Horton, Al	Sylacauga, Ala	Middleweight	9	2	11	1	20
Butcher, Emerson	Rock Island, Ill	Welterweight	7	3	10	0	11
Felix, Paul	Stockton, Calif	Featherweight	6	4	10	0	16
O'Bannon, Bob	Louisville, Ky.	Heavyweight	9	1	10	1	11
Dixon, Tommy	New York, N. Y.	Middleweight	9	0	9	1	11
Doll, Bobby	Portland, Ore	Welterweight	7	2	9	1	10
James, Georgie	Chicago, Ill.	Welterweight	7	1	8	0	9
Doxie, Jimmy	New York, N. Y.	Middleweight	6	2	8	0	11
Garcia, Tony	Monterrey, Mexico	Lightweight	4	4	8	0	9
Ortiz, Cleo	New York, N. Y.	Bantamweight	7	1	8	0	12
Martinez, Jimmy	Glendale, Ariz.	Middleweight	6	2	8	1	16

MOST MAIN BOUTS

NAMES	HOME TOWN	WEIGHTS	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's	KO'ed by	Total
Breshears, Harley	Parma, Id.	Heavyweight	12	1	0	15	1	18
Saavedra, Cesar	Mexico	Featherweight	12	4	2	1	1	18
Martinez, Jimmy	Glendale, Ariz.	Middleweight	7	8	1	2	2	16
Sosa, Felipe	Mexico	Featherweight	10	4	1	6	1	15
Garcia, Hector	Mexico	Lightweight	13	2	0	10	0	15
Castaneda, Jose	Mexico	Welterweight	11	3	1	2	0	15
Andrews, Al	Superior, Wisc	Middleweight	7	5	1	1	0	13
Perez, Pascual	Argentina	Flyweight	12	0	1	10	0	13

MOST MAIN BOUT DEFEATS

NAMES	HOME TOWN	WEIGHTS	Lost Dec.	KO'ed by	Total	Draws	Total
Butcher, Emerson	Rock Island, Ill	Welterweight	6	3	9	0	10
Martinez, Jimmy	Glendale, Ariz.	Middleweight	6	2	8	1	16
Mokhfi, Bouadjemi	Algeria	Lightweight	7	1	8	0	8
Herman, Freddy	Los Angeles, Calif	Welterweight	6	1	7	0	11
Turner, Jesse	St. Louis, Mo	Middleweight	5	1	6	1	10

most main bouts, scored 22 straight added to his 11 of 1953 before losing out.

Harley a Parma, Idaho heavyweight, hacked up 20 kayos to top Edurado Lausse and Rocky Randell's 12 of last year. In winning 22 of 23 Breshears also set a new mark eclipsing Randell's 21. This year Rocky copped a tie for second place. Harley's 23 was tops for the year in fights, but was short of Terry Smith '53 mark of 27. The 18 main bouts also set a new mark, topping 16 set in '53 by Henry Gault, Andre Valignat and Freddy Herman.

Terry Smith, who in 1953 not only was the busiest fighter, but the top loser, did not fight. I guess he is resting up. However his 14 losses still stands, as Algerian lightweight Bouadejemi Mokhfi could lose only 12. Where it took Smith 27 bouts to lose 14, Mokhfi went par for the course, losing 12 for 12. He was followed by Boise Phillips who dropped 12 of 12.

In the main bout class, Danny Womber in 1953 lost 9 of 12. He also retired this year, and turned over this honor to Emerson Butcher who lost 9 of 10.

Two long running winning streaks were kept intact in 1954 as heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano remained undefeated boosting his streak to 45 straight, while middleweight Ronnie Delaney of Akron, ran his unbeaten skein to 41. Unlike Marciano, who has never lost, Ronnie has dropped one and boxed 3 draws in fifty fights. The loss and draws were all with Jimmy Welch whom Ronnie has defeated twice.

Other winning streaks that were kept intack in 1954 were Cisco Andrade's which reached 27. It was broken on January first by Ralph Dupas. Welsh flyweight Dai Dower stretched his skein in 19, while Eduardo Lausse's streak reached 22. Robert Cohen of France

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AGES OF MATURITY

By TED CARROLL

WHY some athletes have seen their best days at 23 and others are better than ever at 33 has been a matter of puzzlement for years. In baseball, Bob Feller had hit his peak at 21 while Satchell Paige was still on the rise in his thirties.

Fistic activity during 1954 provided a couple of interesting maturity variations, in the decline of Gil Turner and rise of Teddy "Red Top" Davis. The flailing Philadelphian, a battle worn and weary veteran at 25, and the ringwise and durable Davis, now No. 1 featherweight contender with some 31 summers behind him, afford intriguing contrasts.

Of course, the energy consuming style of Turner doomed him to a curtailed career. But who threw more punches than the late Harry Greb, and he was still an exceptional boxer 10 years after he had started out.

Johnny Dundee never stopped moving from gong to gong every time he climbed through the ropes, and this old-time featherweight was still good enough to win the featherweight title 13 years after his first fight, in 1923.

Mickey Walker, not exactly a lazybones in the ring, was a great fighter for nearly two decades. Louis "Kid" Kaplan, one-time featherweight king, was another bell-to-bell busybee who hung around a long time.

Turner is alleged to fancy out of ring frivolity in such fashion as to guarantee him an early exit. But here again Greb and Walker, long-lasters both, took back seats to no man when it came to combining fun with fighting.

Teddy "Red Top," a gnome-like little man, just has come into his own. Like most ring relics the St. Louisan is hazy about how long he has been on this planet, but there are recollections of Davis, then called Murry Cain, boxing in boys clubs and settlement house tournaments, more than 20 years ago, around New York. "Red Top" does not deny this. He merely smiles off all queries about his age.

Davis is a Jersey Joe Walcott in miniature. He also has a large family, and like the antique Jerseyman, gave no evidence at the start of his recorded career that he would rise above mediocrity. He was always kept busy enough, being welcome fodder for his early foes. In 1948, he fought 25 bouts, averaging better than 2 a month, and lost 15 of them!

Included among those who worked over "Red Top" that year was Willie Pep, a two-time foe. Strangely enough, despite Davis' ragged record, Willie—who is no fool in things boxing—must have seen something in Davis. Following a third meeting in 1949, the one-time wizard installed himself as "Red Top's" manager. He settled the wandering Davis, who had been gypsying about the country, in Hartford, and functioned as his pilot for some time thereafter.

Like most boxers who have fought under various names, "Red Top's" ring beginnings are obscure. As "Davis," he extends back to 1946, when he picked up his boxing career following his return from service in World War II. As Murry Cain, it is anybody's guess how far back his ring record reaches.

As he has seen his opponent's hand raised 47 times, Davis will hold an unflattering record for defeats suffered by a ring champion if he can win the 126 lb. title.

But all this is beside the point. "Red Top" is a live contender, okayed by all boxing bodies and Ring Magazine as the world's foremost aspirant for Sandy Saddler's crown. Like most of the ring "mechanics," the most effective of boxers, he has mastered all the finer points of his trade, and is able to put them into execution.

Percy Bassett is younger than "Red Top," and was a two-time conqueror of Davis, when the Philadelphia boy was checkmated at every turn by the late ripening Red Top in the Garden Nov. 26. Davis a fighter who couldn't win in 1948, was invincible in 1954.

As unusual as is Davis, he had a counterpart last year in "Boardwalk Billy" Smith, an ancient warrior, who as "Oakland Billy" Smith did little better than "Red Top" when he was in those golden Twenties.

Smith, who admits to 33 and may be older, up to 1954, had gained no more than a left-handed claim to fame as the fellow who "took a walk" out of the ring, when things got too tough for him while boxing Archie Moore in Portland, Ore., in 1951.

Smith, whose recorded career drifts back into 1941, appears to have been a victim of unusually severe competition, rather than any lack of ability, in his early years. Such formidables as Archie Moore, Charley Burley, Ezzard Charles, Bert Lytell, Jimmy Bivins, Bob Satterfield, and Jack Chase, accounted for most of his reverses. Since these are rugged customers, the fact that he was able to survive such a campaign to come on again at such an advanced fighting age is indeed remarkable.

Shakespeare once asked, "What's in a name?" and Smith, like Davis, is qualified to answer "Plenty!" Since shifting operations from the West Coast to the East, as "Boardwalk Billy," of Atlantic City, discarding the "Oakland" appellation, he really has roared into high, with a string of four straight kayoes at this writing.

Smith is a direct opposite to Davis in style. The little man doesn't try for knockouts, being content to make it a boxing contest. Smith stakes everything on ending it with a single punch. He is no boxer, but just goes along, with his bombing right hand triggered for a one-punch finale. This formula worked to perfection with Harold Johnson, who was through for the night, when "Boardwalk Billy" tagged him in the second in Philly on Oct. 8.

Although Boardwalk Billy came to grief at the hands of Paul Andrews in Miami on Dec. 29, his dynamic displays of 1954 can not be discounted nor has he been completely eliminated as a potential threat to champion Archie Moore. He has rebounded before from such reversals and may well do so again.

On the other extreme, no great fighter ever had an earlier ring maturity than the hero of grand-dad's day, Terrible Terry M'Govern. By the time he had reached his twenty-first birthday, this ring immortal was over the hill. He already had won the bantam and featherweight titles, and was only 21 when Young Corbett knocked him out in Hartford in 1901. The way thereafter was downward.

One-time heavyweight contender Tami Mauriello had seen his best days at 24, an age at which champion Rocky Marciano was still in the amateur ranks. Jimmy Slattery never regained the form he flashed at 19, his age when he defeated Jack Delaney in the old Garden back in 1924.

Filipino fighters usually reach their prime early. Pancho Villa, former flyweight king, while still good, had passed his peak while still in his early twenties. The one startling exception, Dado Marino, won the world's flyweight title at 34!

Boxers of Irish descent seemingly take on a second wind late in their athletic lives. Tunney was just hitting his stride at 30, his age when he pulverized old Hard Rock Tom Heeney in 1928. Old Mike M'Tigue did his best fighting when past 35, and James J. Braddock came out of retirement to win the heavyweight title, a better fighter in his thirties than he had been a decade earlier.

Irishman Rinty Monaghan was 28 when he won the world's flyweight title in 1948. Little men supposedly mature faster than big fellows, but this theory is also refuted by the present flyweight king, Pascual Perez, whose age has been estimated at 35.

One time bantam king Johnny Buff topped all the tiny ones in this respect. He came out of the Navy at the age of 30, started fighting professionally at this late stage, and became one of the best.

Billy Petrolle, like Braddock, came out of retirement a better fighter at 30 than he had been at 25.

Recently retired Tony Janiro is a sharp contemporary case of a fighter whose career hit its crest when he was barely out of his teens. At 21, his future had passed. Tony, however, like Kid Chocolate, a generation ago, who also had seen his best days when still in his early twenties, packed so much outside meandering into his youthful years he hur-

ried the aging process along.

Old Jersey Joe Walcott stands out as the pre-eminent prototype of late maturity, and will probably remain so till the end of time.

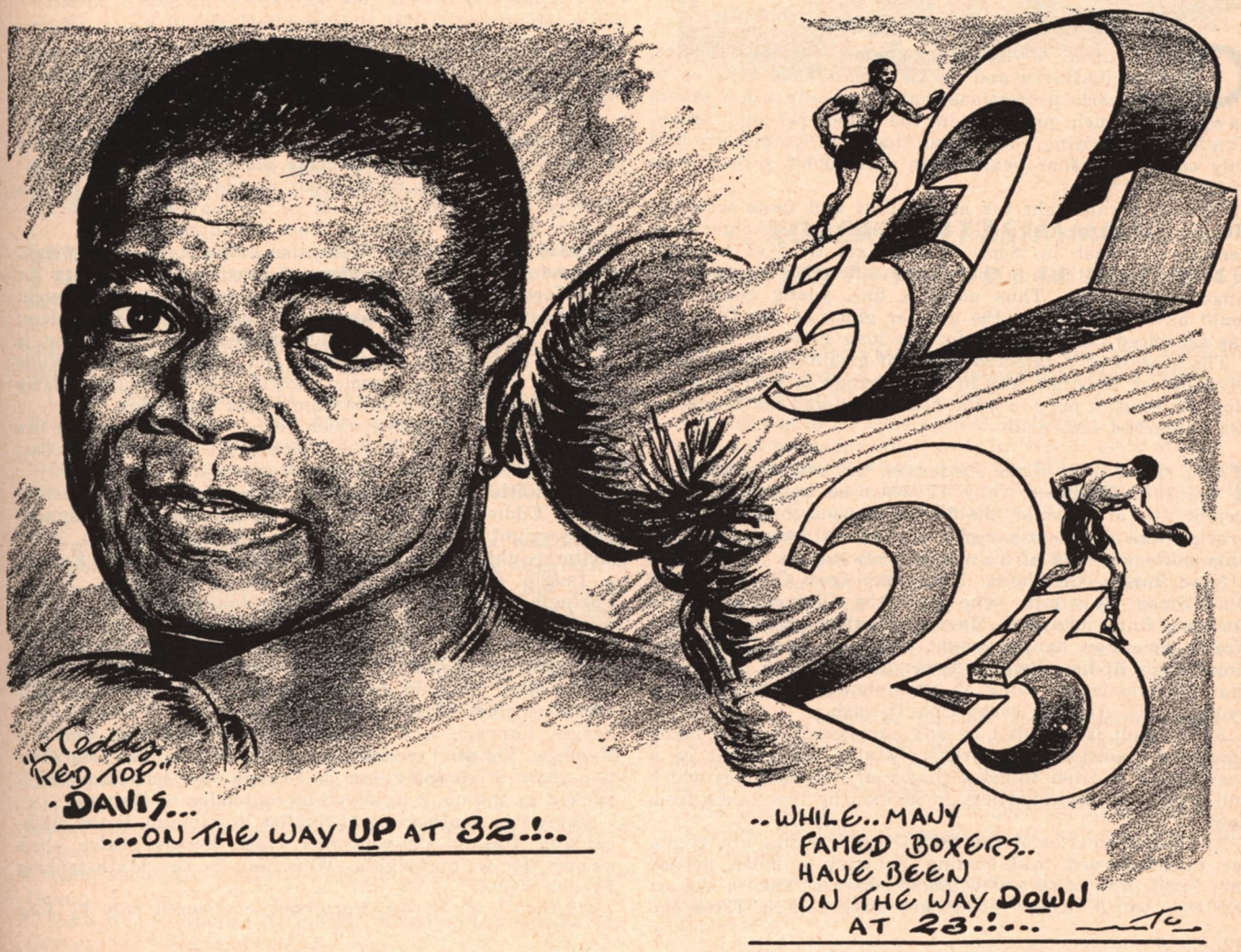
The man from Camden, N. J., an indifferent unwilling performer in his youth, waited until middle age was closing in on him, before becoming good enough to win the heavyweight championship of the world.

No fighter ever enjoyed a happier "old age," pugilistically speaking, than Gus Lesnevich. The former light heavyweight champion made more money, gained greater glory, and did better fighting when past 30 than he ever did in his twenties.

Competent but unexciting for years, the old pride of Cliffside, N. J., became a public hero with a string of spectacular performances back in 1947 when he was 32 years old.

Just what the actual prime of life for an athlete is remains a matter of speculation. The 19-year-old sensation may simply have reached his peak at that immature notch, and may never improve. The plodder of 23 may blossom into a world-beater at 31. The time of athletic maturity remains a mystery.

The secret remains closed even to those who, like Jersey Joe, thumbed their noses at Time. One thing is certain. Fast living at 21 is not likely to produce fast movement at 31.



Olympic Bonanza

By MURRAY ROSE

Ed Sanders of America receives his Gold Medal after defeating J. I. Johansson, of Sweden, in the heavyweight finals of the 1952 Olympics. Sanders died in 1954 following a bout with Willie James.

ONLY three Olympic champions, Frankie Genaro, Fidel LaBarba and Jackie Fields have gone on to win world professional titles and only a few others have made much progress in the punch-for-pay circles. That's not surprising, considering that the Olympics are held only once every four years when wars don't spread them wider apart.

Pros as a rule fight for money first and fame secondly. Hungry youngsters normally don't want to wait longer than necessary to cash in. Some of them get tired of trekking to hock shops to trade in the watches offered in the so-called simon pure ranks. Thus many a fine, young boxer who could have advanced to the greater glory of the Olympics has sacrificed the headlines for the long green of the pros.

The success of a talented group of graduates of the 1952 Olympics at Helsinki may bring a change in that attitude. Now, it seems, it pays to wait. The glory—and the headlines, can be turned into gold.

TAKE the case of Floyd Patterson, the brightest name of the 1952 Olympics. Only 17 when he won the middleweight title at Helsinki, the flashy, fast-punching Brooklyn prodigy was able to step right into the feature ranks of the pros on the strength of his amateur reputation.

Nate Brooks, the clever little boxer from Cleveland and Ohio State University who won the Olympic flyweight diadem; Raul (Raton) Macias, Mexican holder of the North American bantamweight title and Dai Dower, the tiny Welch British Empire flyweight king, also discovered that the prestige of being an Olympian adds lustre to the budding pro. And it's convertible to cash.

As a result it wouldn't be any surprise if a good many amateurs maintain their pristine status six months or a year longer in order to get a chance at the headlines which will go the Olympic battlers in Melbourne two years from now.

At that, graduates of the 1952 Olympic ranks are giving the talent-starved beak-busting industry a much needed shot in the arm, a sort of Olympic bonanza. Take a look at the latest world "Ring" ratings and the list of the European elite and you'll find them liberally sprinkled with the names of youngsters who fought for the medals and bouquets at Helsinki.

FIVE of the fisticuffers who flailed away in Finland have advanced far enough to make the world list and at least 17 have vaulted to main event status in North America, Europe and South Africa. It is the biggest crop the promoters have ever harvested from the Olympics.

Patterson is ranked fifth among the light heavyweight contenders; Macias, conqueror of Brooks in their battle for the North American throne, is the leading bantamweight contender; Brooks is ranked 10th among the 118-pounders; Dower, who, like Macias, is undefeated in pro scrapping, is the no. 3 flyweight contender, and South Africa's Willie Toweel, brother of former world bantamweight champ Vic Toweel, is the no. 8 bantamweight contender.

The U. S. contingent, which set a record by copping five crowns at Helsinki, naturally leads the way with at least 10 members collecting main eventer's pay.

In addition to Patterson and Brooks, the others include sailor Eddie Sanders, of San Diego, Cal., the Olympic heavyweight boss; Chuck Adkins, of Gary, Indiana, light-welterweight class winner; Bobby Bickle, of Topeka, Kansas, a tough, aggressive ex-Army scrapper; Davey Moore, Springfield, O., a fancy boxing featherweight; middleweights Ellsworth Webb of Los Angeles and Tony Anthony of New York City, welterweight Lou Gage of Oakland, Cal., and light heavyweight Chuck Spieser of Detroit, Michigan.

The other Helsinki grads operating with better than fair success include Italy's Bruno Visintin, Frank Vescovi, and Sergio Caprari, and France's Rene Weissman and Joe Ventaja. Visintin recently suffered his first pro loss after two years of campaigning in Europe and Australia. He is ranked as the no. 2 lightweight contender in Europe.

Caprari, a featherweight finalist in Finland, is the sixth-ranking Italian 126-pounder, while Vescovi rates ninth among the welterweights. Weissman is the ninth-ranking French welter.

Of the U. S. Group, Patterson, conquered only by Joey

Maxim, the former world light heavyweight champion in a very close fight, and Brooks appeared to have the best chance to hit the title jackpot in the pro ranks. Brooks, as a matter of fact, was only two steps away from the goal when he lost his North American diadem to Macias in Mexico City.

It could be now that the all-winning Mexican will be the first of the Helsinki gang to nail down a world title. He'll get a crack at France's Robert Cohen who won the vacant 118-pound throne by defeating Thailand's Chamrern Songkitrat.

GENARO, LABARBA and FIELDS, are the only three Olympic champs who made the grade as pro champions. Genaro won his Olympic flyweight laurels in 1920 while LaBarba and Fields scored in 1924, Fidel in the flyweight ranks and Jackie in the featherweight division. Genaro and LaBarba became pro flyweight kings while Fields fattened up to win the welterweight pro title.

With an even break from the officials, Macias might very well have been in the position to duplicate their records. The Mexican pepperpot was the victim of a raw decision in the second round in Finland. He gave Russia's Gennadig Garbuzov a licking but the Soviet swinger was declared the winner by unanimous decision. The verdict was greeted by boos and whistles, the latter not the kind that follows a Marilyn Monroe appearance, either. In Europe, the whistle is akin to the Bronx cheer. This observer had Macias well ahead.

The bantam division was a very weak one and Macias would have been a cinch to take it all. As a pro, Macias has done just that. He has won 13 out of 13.

Dower, a mighty mite of 21, won the British Empire flyweight crown in his 21st pro fight (all wins) by decisively defeating Zulu Jake Tuli on October 19. He, too, lost a tough one to a Russian—Anatolij Bukalov—in the Olympics. Dai works in the coal pits of his native Wales when he isn't fighting.

His proud countrymen believe it won't be long before he'll leave the diggings forever. That is if he gets a shot at Japan's Yoshio Shirai, the world flyweight champion.

THE Russians, as well as some of the other lads from the Iron Curtain countries, would have provided a welcome addition to the pro ranks in the U. S. and Europe. Almost all of the Russkys and Poles were free-swinging clubfighters. They would have been a cinch to wow the TV customers had they been able to pierce the Curtain.

Laszlo Papp, the light middleweight champion from Hungary, was sure to have been a smash hit. The 26-year old southpaw, who won the middleweight championship in 1948 at London, became the second Olympic boxer to win two titles. Britain's Harry Mallin was the first, winning the middleweight crowns in 1920 and '24.

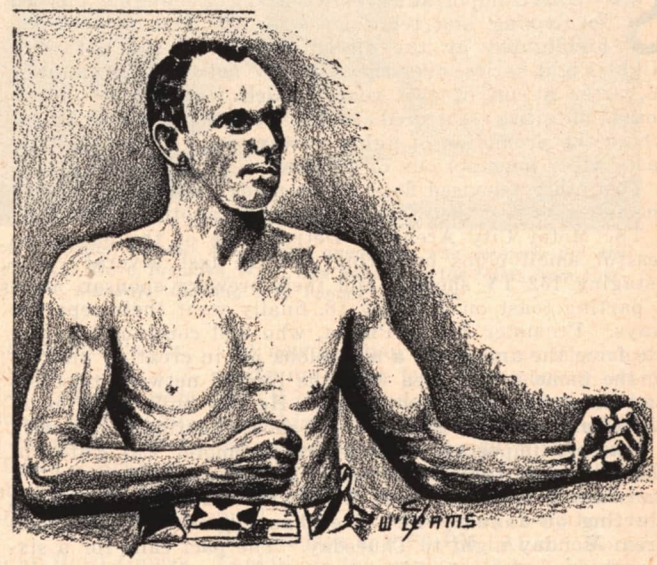
Low slung and bow-legged, and sporting a magnificent mustache, the Hungarian was a hard-hitting, aggressive lefthander on the order of Irish Bobby Murphy. But unlike Murphy, who used his right hand strictly for holding a beer bottle, Papp could belt out an opponent with either hand. There was some talk that he was going to be brought to the West and turn pro but apparently he couldn't get away. The Communists, no doubt, are looking for him to make it three in a row at Melbourne.

The Communists will be powerful in 1956 and the U. S. can expect a lot of competition, too, from the Far East. As Nat Fleischer noted on his return from his latest trip around the world, the ascendancy of Shirai to the flyweight throne, and the success of Songkitrat in Thailand, has brought about a tremendous surge in boxing interest in the Orient.

None of our Oriental friends has taken an Olympic boxing title yet but 1956 could be the year.

HALL OF FAME NO. 7

Bob Fitzsimmons



ROBERT FITZSIMMONS

(ELECTED TO THE HALL OF FAME 1954)

Fitzsimmons was the first fighter to win three world boxing championships, the middleweight, heavyweight and light heavyweight, in that order.

He was born on June 4, 1862, at Elston, Cornwall, England, and began his ring career in New Zealand in 1880. In 1890 he arrived in America and the following year knocked out Nonpareil Jack Dempsey in five rounds at Galveston, Texas, for the world middleweight title.

On March 17, 1897 he knocked out Jim Corbett in 14 rounds at Carson City, Nev., to gain his second championship, the heavyweight crown. Jim Jeffries took that title away from him on June 9, 1899, at Coney Island, N. Y., when he halted Fitzsimmons in eleven rounds. Three years later he was unsuccessful in trying to regain that championship from Jeffries, being knocked out in eight rounds in San Francisco.

It was on November 25, 1903, that he accomplished the unique feat of winning his third title, gaining a twenty round decision over George Gardner, at San Francisco, for the world light heavyweight title.

He lost that crown to Philadelphia Jack O'Brien on December 20, 1905, at San Francisco, being halted in thirteen rounds.

Fitzsimmons' ring career lasted thirty five years, ending with a six round no decision bout with K. O. Sweeney in 1914.

He died on October 22, 1917 of pneumonia at Chicago, Ill.

TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

SEVERAL important events marked a changing picture for boxing and television over the last few weeks, highlighted by the discontinuance of the Saturday Night Fight series, over the ABC-TV network, on January 15, after a run of two years, which featured stand out bouts in cities scattered throughout the nation, places where the promotion of fights were revived due to the telecasts after long periods of idleness.

Two other televised fight series made moves, one halting the telecasts and the other switching to another station.

The Motor City Arena of Detroit, one of the most successful small clubs operating for the last several years (staging 152 TV shows), and their brewery sponsor, after a parting toast on January 18, finally went their separate ways. Promoter Julius Piazza, who will continue to operate from the arena, did a marvelous job in creating interest in the game in his area with the limited network telecasts and developed some fine talent. He has built up a good-sized hard core live audience and should continue to do well.

Another important change saw Promoter Cal Eaton of the Olympic Auditorium move his shows from KHJ-TV and into a new deal with KCOP-TV (Hollywood, Calif.), starting on January 13. The change transfers the shows from Monday night to Thursday. The pact calls for a six-month deal with an option to renew for another six months.

For a time Eaton's shows were being telecast from the Eastside Arena while the Olympic was having a $65,000 renovation job done. There is a possibility that Monday night shows might continue to be televised from the Arena also.

The new Olympic Auditorium plan for the first six weeks, until station programming can be rearranged, will have the bouts shown from 8:30 to 10:30. There after it would be from 8 to 10.

Three four round bouts are telecast, then a ten minute interview and the main event are shown. Reid Kilpatrick does the announcing with the aid of KCOP's sportscaster Garry Goodwin.

For a time negotiations were under way to televise boxing once weekly on a national scale from Los Angeles. A New York advertising agency and representatives of two arenas—the Hollywood Legion Stadium and Olympic Auditorium—met to discuss the proposed plan, under which fights would be televised from Los Angeles between 6:30 and 7:30 (California time) on Thursdays.

Promoter-matchmaker Tex Sullivan scoffed at reports that interest is decreasing in televised fights and announced that there will be 52 weekly TV shows staged at the St. Nicholas Arena and videoed over the DuMont Television Network in 1955.

Sullivan's London Sporting Club began promoting weekly video scraps at St. Nick's on May 17, 1954. "And we have noted constantly increasing all-round interest since then," he said.

Over at the Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn, where the Continental Sports Events runs the shows televised over the ABC-TV network on the same night (Monday), President Joe Arata announced that his contract runs through the middle of April.

"We have been getting $9,000 per show from ABC, not $12,500 as has been stated," said Arata. "And, though our original $2,900 per main eventer has been reduced to

WEEKLY TV BOXING SCHEDULE

CLUB	CITY	STATION	ANNOUNCER
MONDAY			
EASTERN PARKWAY ARENA	BROOKLYN	ABC-TV NETWORK	BOB FINNEGAN and TOMMY LOUGHRAN
ST. NICHOLAS ARENA	NEW YORK	DUMONT TV NETWORK	CHRIS SCHENKEL
† MONT. ST. LOUIS	MONTREAL	CBFT	MIKE NORMANDIN
WEDNESDAY			
WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	CBS-TV NETWORK	RUSS HODGES and JACK DREES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XH-TV	JULIO SOTELO
THURSDAY			
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM	LOS ANGELES	KCOP-TV	REID KILPATRICK and GARRY GOODWIN
FRIDAY			
‡ CAVALCADE OF SPORTS	NEW YORK and OTHER CITIES	NBC-TV NETWORK	JIMMY POWERS
SATURDAY			
LEGION STADIUM	HOLLYWOOD	KECA-TV	HANK WEAVER
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XEW-TV	PACO MALGESTO and ANTONIO ANDERE

† Every other Monday.
‡ Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Don Dunphy and Bill Corum, announcers.

$2,500, a lowering of the same to $2,100 would help us even more. We hope for this reduction."

At the same time, Tex Sullivan was announcing a cut in video revenue for his St. Nick's shows. "We expect to go down from $11,000 per show to $8,000 (with comparable cuts in main eventers' minimums)," Sullivan said. "We understand that the DuMont network has problems but we are working to arrange a two year contract. That would better insure the future, naturally, than the one-year deal we now have," concluded Tex.

Ray Arcel of Saturday Night Fights announced that SNF isn't expiring as a promotional force. Along with Sold Gold and Dewey Fragetta, Arcel's organization aims to continue working with promoters of various towns in putting on fight cards.

"We brought a dozen dead boxing towns back to life with out local blackout policy," Arcel said. "They are ready to keep going since we've built live audiences. In the West it would be easier to run because we could start at a normal hour, instead of having a 6 or 7 PM main-event time for TV."

MICHEL (Mike) NORMANDIN, the "Mel Allen of the Canadian airwaves" and announcer of the Mont. St. Louis fights from Montreal over CBFT every other Monday, was a recent visitor to New York and The Ring offices.

Normandin informed us that a new contract for one year had recently been signed to continue the televised fights and that everyone, sponsor, promoter and fans, were happy over the set-up.

"At the Mont. St. Louis we have continually had capacity and enthusiastic crowds for the fights, despite the fact that they are televised. We give the fans a pretty good run-down on the bouts of the night that they have missed and, especially if the fights have been action-packed and exciting (at times, Moreso than the main event and semi that we run) we find that the fans show an eagerness to come out to the arena," said Normandin.

Plans are also in the making to stage some televised outdoor shows in the ball park in Montreal this Summer.

BOB Finnegan, veteran sports commentator, recently replaced Fred Sayles as the blow-by-blow announcer of the fights from Eastern Parkway Arena on Monday evenings over the ABC-TV network, teaming with former world light heavyweight champion Tommy Loughran.

Finnegan, who attended South Shore High School in Chicago and was awarded an honor scholarship to the University of Chicago, played Big Ten basketball and baseball and service basketball with the Fleet City, California team, then 12th Naval District champs. He also was captain of his high school football team and in track gained first place in the high jump among the South Section Chicago high schools.

He saw service with the U. S. Navy on a minesweeper in the South Pacific, Adak and Aleutian Islands.

Smilin' Bob, a 6-foot redhead who weighs in at 190 pounds and whose voice has been likened by some to that of Clark Gable (Down, Scarlett, down!), has broadcast, play by play, some of the outstanding sports events in the nation.

He has done the Sugar Bowl Games of 1953-54-55 (ABC Radio network), the College "Game of the Week" series, 1952-53-54 (ABC Radio network), the CBS Football Roundup in 1950 and 1951 (CBS Radio network), the Chicago Cubs baseball games of 1949 and 1950 and the Major League "Game of the Week" in 1953 and 1954 (ABC-TV network), the college basketball "Game of the Week" series in 1951 and 1953 (ABC-TV network), the Sugar Bowl basketball tournament in 1952 and 1953 (ABC Radio network), and the basketball games of the Chicago Stags in 1948, and in track the Penn Relays in 1952 (ABC-TV network) and the Washington Evening Star Games in 1953 (ABC-TV network).

Sharing play with Harry Wismer, Finnegan did the Palm Beach Round Robin golf tourney in 1952 (ABC Radio network) and in boxing in 1953 did the series of fights from Ridgewood Grove (Brooklyn) over the ABC-TV network.

In 1951 he did a little globe trotting, acting as referee and correspondent for the Harlem Globe Trotters basketball tour on South America.

With such a varied and diversified schedule of sports casting over the past several years, Bob completely fills the bill as "off again, on again, gone again, Finnegan."

And since Fred Sayles with the sunset and Finnegan is in again, we hope this refreshing personality remains around for quite a long while.

In again, Finnegan. Bob Finnegan, veteran ABC sports announcer who formerly did the televised fights from Ridgewood Grove, Brooklyn, N. Y., now announces the fights from Eastern Parkway Arena (ABC-TV, Monday), teaming with Tommy Loughran.

A new amateur program on television made its debut last November 3 over WITV in Hallandale, Fla. Interest has been high in the live studio amateur boxing which runs for 30 minutes and usually consists of two or three bouts.

The fights were seen on Tuesdays until Dec. 13, when they switched to Wednesdays at 9:30 PM. Al and Morey Lankin are the originators and sponsors of the unique experiment. The matches are sanctioned by the AAU and the matchmaking is done by Dick Lee, a former professional fighter. The sponsor is Ambassador, distributor of Gibson Freezers and Blackstone Washers.

The only outdoor studio in Florida draws capacity crowds of 250 to view the bouts, with, of course, no admission charged.

Clure Mosher, sports director of WITV, handles the announcing of the fights taking place in the studio ring, which is about two-thirds regular size. Mosher is trying to arrange for screening of professional bouts which would be the first pro bouts staged live from a studio.

CHANNEL HOPPING. . . . A $200,000 damage suit filed by former heavyweight Al Ettore, over the television showing of his bout with Joe Louis fourteen years ago, has been dismissed.

Ettore, knocked out by Louis, not then world champion, claimed that his rights of privacy and property were invaded by the Philco Television Broadcasting Corporation and the Cheesebrough Manufacturing Company.

He also contended that the film, as shown on television on Dec. 30, 1949, and Dec. 8, 1950, deleted the third round, in which Ettore made his best showing of the bout.

United States District Court Judge

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..With Our SERVICEMEN

By "G.I." JOE SMITH

FORT JACKSON, S. C.—Third Army Boxing . . . Fort Bragg's boxing team is again rated high in Third Army competition this season.

Bragg is led by All-Army champions Roscoe Elliott, middleweight, and light-welterweight Leon Upshur. Also, lightweight Third-Army champion Willie Thrash, now fighting as a welterweight, has aided Bragg's talent loaded squad.

Cleveland Williams is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., and at present is undergoing basic training. Recently he worked out with Jackson's All-Army heavyweight champion John Johnson and out-boxed him in a close three round exhibition.

Malcom DeWitt, a former University of South Carolina middleweight turned pro, was recently inducted into the Army and is now undergoing basic training at Fort Jackson. DeWitt's last fight before entering the Army resulted in a draw with Charley Riley of Detroit.

The pride of Fort Jackson, welterweight All-Army champion Sammy Johnson, will be separated from the Army by the time you read this issue and is planning his professional debut shortly thereafter. Everyone who has seen the hard hitting 142-pounder fight predicts a great ring career for him. Included in Sammy's fan club is welterweight Jackie O'Brien, a former pro who has helped coach and train Jackson fighters for the past two years. Jackie has fought some of the better welterweights in the division. For example . . .Carmen Basilio.

Following are the results of the Western Command Boxing Tournament held at Scott Hall, Currie Barracks, CALGARY, Alberta, Canada, from 16 Nov. to 19 Nov. 1954:

Novice Featherweight, RFN. Day R A—1 QOR of C.
Novice Lightweight, RFN. Auger J C G—1 QOR of C.
Open Lightweight, RFN. McGrath L P G—1 QOR of C.
Novice Welterweight, TPR. Rymarchuk F E—LdSH (RC).
Open Welterweight, PTE. Bryant K E—1 PPCLI
Novice Middleweight, RFN. Robson H A F—1 QOR of C.
Open Middleweight, Sgt. Schamehorn G C—1 PPCLI.
Novice Light Heavyweight, PTE. Handspiker E P—1 PPCLI.
Open Light Heavyweight, SPR. Riley J B—RCSME.
Novice Heavyweight, TPR. Camponi L T—LdSH (RC).
Open Heavyweight, SPR. Mercredi M D—1 Fd SQN RCE.

Legend: RFN—Rifleman: TPR—Trooper: PTE—Private: SGT—Sergeant: SPR—Sapper: 1 QOR of C—Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. LdSH (RC)—Lord Strathcona Horse, Royal Canadians). 1—PPCLI—Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. RCSME—Royal Canadian School Mechanical Engineers. 1 Fd SQN RCE—1 Field Squadron Royal Canadian Engineers.

The above was furnished by Cpl Thomas V. Deugau, Hq RCASC Western Command, Edmonton, Alberta.

Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone—Two defending champions and a 1952 titlist laid reclaim to their crowns here in the Panama area armed forces boxing tournament.

Winners in the 10 divisions then looked to the Caribbean championships here, meeting the title-holders from the Antilles tourney in Puerto Rico.

Before an estimated 5,000 fight fans, Fort Kobbe's cuffers banged away for six class laurels, highlighted by Esteban Melendez-Robles' third straight featherweight conquest. Robles was also 1952 Caribbean Champ.

Burly Bill Byrd, also representing Kobbe, recaptured his heavyweight crown on a unanimous decision and Lee Wilson of Kobbe, 1952 command welterweight king, regained his honors, also by a decision.

Fort Clayton copped three titles and Albrook Air Forces Base a single.

Here are the Panama area results, with the hometown of each boxer listed:

Flyweight Division: Jose de James Rosa-Guzman, 112, Ft. Kobbe (Narangito, P. R.), won over Juan Alvarez-Torres, 112, Ft. Kobbe (Santurce, P. R.), by decision.

Bantamweight Division: Raul Calderon, 118, Ft. Clayton (Fajardo, P. R.), won over Oscar Ortiz, 119, Ft. Kobbe (Humacao, P. R.), by decision.

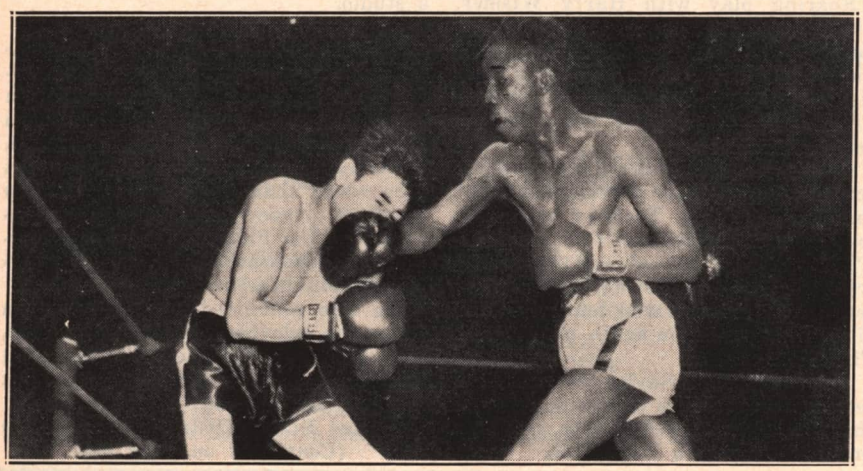
Featherweight Division: Esteban Melendez-Robles, 125, Ft. Kobbe (Santurce, P. R.), won over Manuel Oquendo, 124½, Ft. Kobbe (Santurce, P. R.), by KO, :43 First.

Lightweight Division: Francisco Dinz-Llamas, 129, Ft. Kobbe (Santurce, P. R.), won over Garcia Ramon, 130, Army Atlantic (Santurce, P. R.), by decision.

Light Welterweight Division: Bill Bollinger, 138, Ft. Clayton (Lovejoy, Ill.), won over Roland Poindexter, 138½, Ft. Kobbe (Lester, W. Va.), by decision.

Welterweight Division: Lee Wilson, 146, Ft. Kobbe (Valdosta, Ga.), won over Jesse Bonilla, 146½, Albrook AFB (Bartlesville, Okla.), by decision.

Light Middleweight Division: Billy Priest, 154, Ft. Kobbe (Cambridge, Mass.), won over Dick Natale, 151, Special Troops (Plainfield, N. J.), by decision.



Luther Rawlings shown in one of his battles, kayoing Enrique Bolanos in five rounds, is now in the armed forces, with the 15th Armored Infantry Battalion.

Middleweight Division: Chuck Lincoln, 163, Ft. Clayton (Portland, Ore.), won over Paul Smith, 164, Albrook AFB (Lynchburg, Va.), by TKO, :59 seconds.

Light Heavyweight Division: Dick Rood, 175, Albrook AFB (Minneapolis, Minn.), won over Arnold Setran, 169, Army Atlantic (Los Angeles, Calif.), by TKO, 2:45 third.

Heavyweight Division: Bill Byrd, 200, Ft. Kobbe (Chicago, Ill.), won over Bob George, 187, Albrook AFB (Lakewood, N. J.), by decision.

Presentation of the trophies was made by Major General Lionel C. McGarr, commander of U. S. Army, Caribbean.

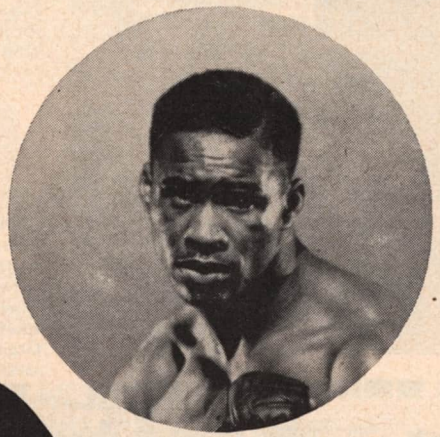
Thanks are in order for the above report to Dan Hose and Irv Letofsky of the Caribbean newspaper Buccaneer of which they are sports editors.

Post Cards . . . Don (Sugar) Smith . . . has been training the Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. boxing team for the past three years and with only six months left to serve in the Air Force, Smith is looking for a professional boxing career . . . he had over 35 pro fights before the air force took hold of him.

Fort McClellan, Alabama . . . a report from Major James Piteri . . . about a pro fighter name Claude Chapman . . . who served in Korea with the 2nd Infantry division and had seven months of front line fighting before he found himself also able to fight in the ring. Claude has won several service trophies before becoming a pro . . . Major Piteri . . . expects great things from this boy along with another friend and trainer for the army Johnny Vacca.

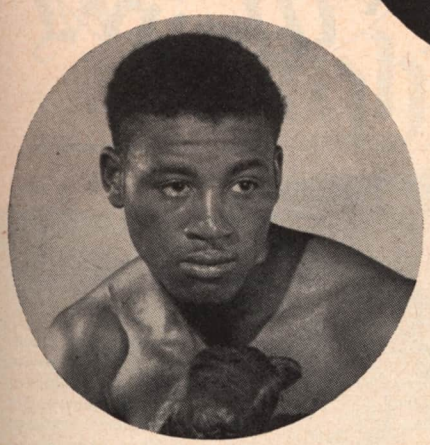
Currently demonstrating his fistic ability for 2nd Infantry Division boxing fans at Fort Lewis is Private Dale Morgan, runner-up for the National AAU flyweight champi-

Big, burly Bill Byrd, a 200-pounder from Chicago, Ill. successfully defended his heavyweight title during the Panama Area Armed Forces boxing tourney at Ft. Kobbe, Canal Zone.



Don (Sugar) Smith, has been training the Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. with great success the last three years.

Lee Wilson, 146 pound welter from Valdosta, Ga., punched his way to the division crown in the Panama Area Armed Forces championship.



Claude Chapman . . . another Korean veteran who turned pro after a good Army career and hopes to gain world aclaim in the fistic world.

onship in 1953 at Boston. The diminutive 112-pounder, who also lost a decision in the flyweight finals of the 1952 Olympic Trials to famed Nate Brooks, is doing his ring work these days for Company M of the 2nd Infantry Division's 9th Infantry Regiment, where he is assigned as company cook. The 20-year-old Michigan amateur flyweight titlist of 1952 and 1953 is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morgan, of 11201 Lapeer Road, Davision, Mich.

Beale Air Force Base, Calif. . . . Joe Dorando, airman first class is 22-years-old and is from Lyndhurst, N. J. . . . he attended high school there and fought 5 AAU fights before joining the service . . . he won 4 and lost 1.

During the past three years in the Air Force, he has fought approximately 68 fights and has lost 7 but none have been by a knock-out. Of the 61 fights he has won, more then half have been kayoes.

Another Beale airman is . . . A/2c Johnnie Johnson . . . from St. Louis, Mo. 21-years-old. Also attended high school in St. Louis.

During his high school days, 1947 and 1950, he fought as a featherweight and won both district and state tournaments in each year.

Airman Johnson won the Golden Gloves in the featherweight division in St. Louis from 1947 to an including 1950. In the following year he entered the Air Force. During the past three years he has fought over 100 fights and lost 5.

In 1951 Johnson took the AF championship in the lightweight division and also was the winner of the TV tournament held in 1952.

Camp Chaffee, Ark. . . . Luther Rawlings, welterweight . . . is now a private in the United States Army.

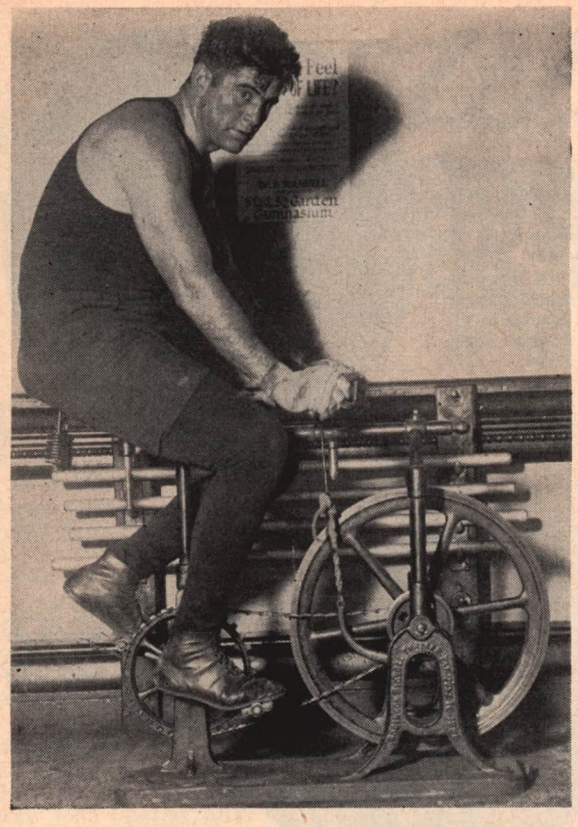
Pvt. Lucious Minor . . . better known to the fight world as Luther Rawlings . . . is taking basic training with Company D of the 15th Armored Infantry Battalion . . . he entered the Army Nov. 16, the day after dropping a 10-round decision in Chicago to Italo Scortichini.

Rawlings, 25, is keeping in shape working out in the post gym here during off-duty hours . . . Like all other Army trainees, Rawling will be taught the fundamentals of soldiering . . . such as firing the M-1 rifle, 3.5 rocket launcher, rifle grenade launcher and "pull" guard duty and kitchen police.

Luther Rawlings in July 1954 was questioned by the FBI on a charge of failure to register for the draft. The one-time top contender for the lightweight crown claimed he registered for the draft in 1947, but FBI agents said they could not find any such record. Rawlings promised to re-register for the draft. Right after losing to Italo Scortichini on November 15 he enlisted in the U. S. Army.

As a fighter Rawlings attained his greatest success during the years 1949–1953, with victories over such fighters as Danny Womber, Tommy Campbell, Ehrigue Bolanos, Mario Trigo, Arthur Persley, and Art Aragon.

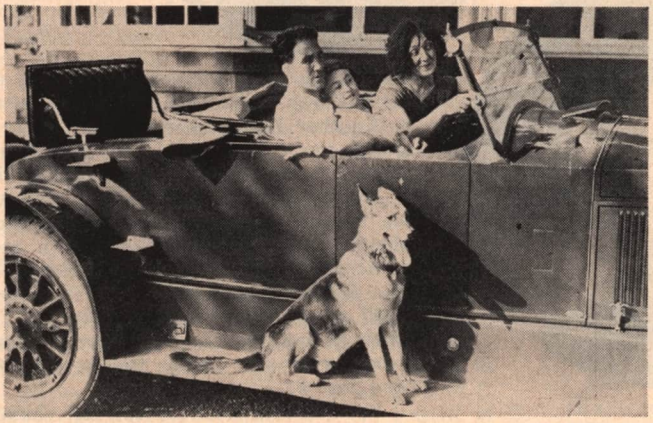
He is tall, lean, good puncher and fine boxer, with a good left hand. While in California several years ago he appeared in the movie "The Set-up".



As part of gymnasium chores for Madison Square Garden debut against Bill Brennan in 1923, Luis Angel Firpo, powerful South American heavyweight, conditioned his legs by pedaling on stationary 'cycle.

(Right)
The conquering hero, returning from knockout victory over flyweight champion Jimmy Wilde in London 1921, ex-bantam king Pete Herman doffed his hat and smiled for cameraman as he debarked in New York.

(Below)
Relaxing from newly-won honors as featherweight champion in 1923, Johnny Dundee posed with family —wife, daughter and dog—in new sporty roadster in front of West Orange, N. J. home.

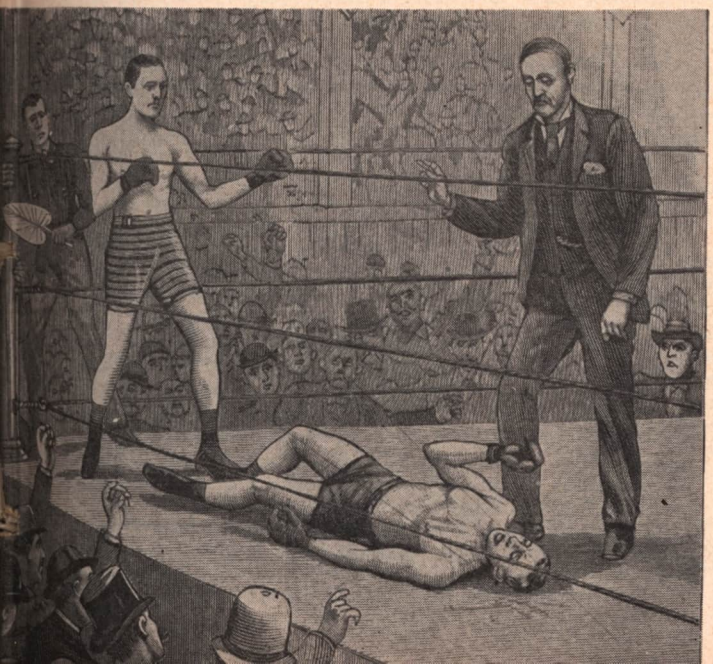


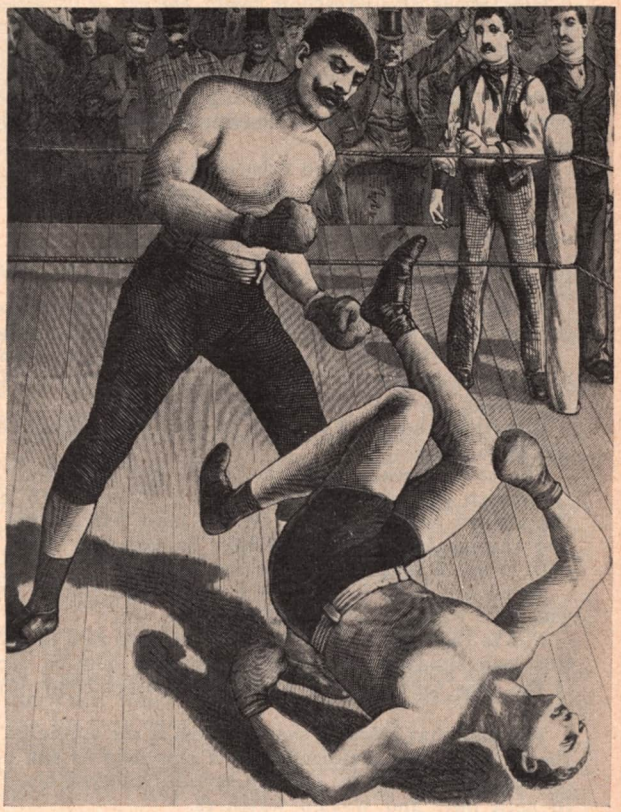
Old Timer's Album

Among his many post-boxing activities, Jim Jeffries, former heavyweight champion, operated a dairy farm on his 105-acre ranch in Burbank, Cal., and he is seen here personally supervising the loading of a milk truck in 1921.

Beginning of historic 39-round draw between John L. Sullivan (right) and his British challenger, Charley Mitchell, at Chantilly, France, in 1888.

Famous Old Fights





(Left)—Johnny Griffin knocks out Jimmy Lynch in fifth round at Coney Island in 1892 to become American featherweight champion. (Above)—Paddy Slavin of Australia finishes Jake Kilrain in ninth round of Hoboken, N. J., battle in 1891.

News of the MAT World

By NAT LOUBET

IN arenas throughout the U. S. and in other countries around the world fans crowd through the turnstiles to witness wrestling.

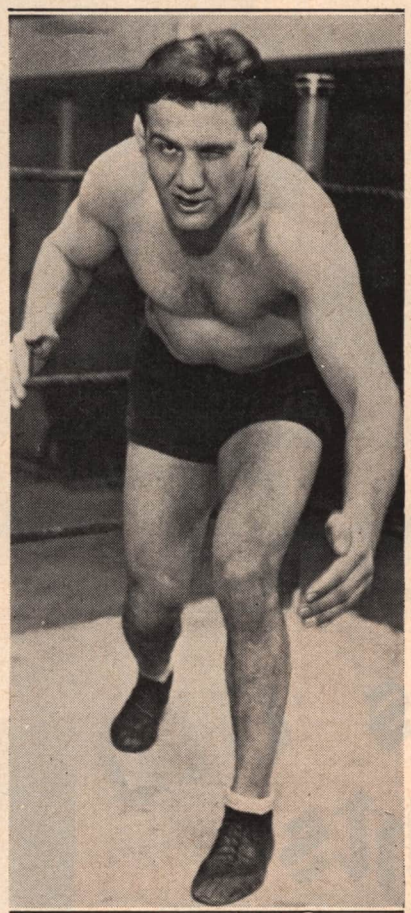
Where as boxing, since the advent of television, has taken a terrible beating at the gate and thrives on its sponsored video revenue and occasional big fights, wrestling was revived by the same instrument that dealt such a crippling blow to pugilism . . . . namely, the TV camera.

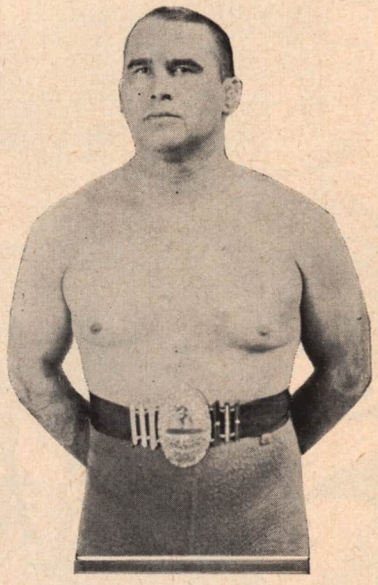
The video watcher of fights misses many aspects of the contests, such as the depth of blows, flow of blood and a myriad of other items. But the viewer does see sufficient to satisfy his appetite. Only the expert notes the lack of realism as compared to the actual witnessing at ringside.

As the vast video audience is educated in boxing finesse it is possible that they too may want to see the finer points missed on television. It is possible that the world of the "zoomer" lens may find ways to pick up these items. 3-D combined with color may be the answer but at present the fight fan who stays at home misses much.

How about the wrestling fan? He too can be satisfied by the daily diet offered by TV but sooner or later he wants to see these grunts and groans down at ringside. The grappling fan born of video has become a ringside fan too.

In the beginning of the video experiment, crack announcers like Dennis James speaking to "Mother" not only explained the various holds but would crack toy bones into the mike to give the home viewer sound effects.





Ed "Strangler" Lewis whose headlock and strangle hold made him a champ, made him famous and almost killed a score of his opponents until it was outlawed.

Jim Browning, one time world champ, whose airplane scissors was one of the all time painful holds.

As the fans wised up on the holds and escapes used by the top notchers they wanted to see their favorites in action.

An enterprising group, headed by Fred Kohler, got the bright idea of touring the hinterlands with the stars that they made on their Chicago TV shows.

It worked and the TV stars, as they were called, became big attractions.

The boom spread across the waters and into other countries with grapplers becoming world trotters. Of course the top ten or so remained for the most part in the U. S. and various factions worked hard to exchange their stars with those of neighboring booking barons.

Money rolled in like perfume at a formal dance and all was jake with the grappling industry.

Due to the lack of foresight in developing new attractions this lush situation has changed but this may be rectified if the fans take to some of the youngsters being brought along.

The bait that attracts the mat fans is the specialist . . . . the wrestler who comes up with a new hold or can use an old one so successfully that he satisfies the red blood urge in both men and women watchers.

Lou Thesz, NWA champ, with his airplane spin and speed with which he moves around the ring draws the fans in wherever he appears. Verne Gagne, one of the leading contenders, started out with that fresh, washed look. A college football player who placed it straight and clean, he thrilled the crowds with his drop kicks. Recently he adopted a variety of a "sleeper", which many claim can be fatal. This rumor in no way detracts from his glamor.

Pat O'Connor, the New Zealander, another of the clean type of grappler, with a flying tackle and dropkick, gets his share of envy from the men . . . ohs and ahs from the gals.

One of the men who has come barn storming into focus as an idol is Hans Schmidt. Chicago TV made him. He puts on display an assortment of villian-like tricks that has endeared him to the fans. Like some of the boxers who have been known to use unorthodox means, men like Fritzie Zivic or old timer Leach Cross, or among the more modern school, Terry Young, the fans often come to see Schmidt get his lumps but usually end up seeing him get the sugar by delivering the other guy the lumps.

He recently drew with Antonino Rocco in New York's Madison Square Garden. Antonino, the Argentine with the

legs insured for a quarter of a million, has parlayed wrestling in bare feet with a gorgeous torso and a nifty version of a drop kick into a small money making empire.

The holds that seem to cause the most burping, groaning and grunting are the ones that have always made the fans slightly glassy eyed as they suffer along with the victim.

For most practical purposes the tackle and drop kick and other such maneuvers are not holds but they satisfy the basic needs of wrestling . . . to inflict pain and destruction.

We have received many letters asking what was the most painful hold ever used? Some venture opinions stating that Mr. Moto's "Sleeper", the Nelson as applied by the Mighty Atlas, the Pile Driver used by Wild Bill Longson and so on.

But any hold applied properly can seem like the most painful at the time. To decide which is the most painful of all time is like deciding who is the world's most beautiful woman.

We recall Jim Browning's airplane scissors and Joe Stecher's body scissors that could squeeze the life out of a man. They were painful to the extreme yet they had their drawbacks. In order to apply either, Jim or Joe had to have their man on the ground where as Ed "Strangler" Lewis had a murderous headlock that could be applied from any position and was effective enough to win the world crown.

From the strangle hold of the original strangler, Evan Lewis, through Ed's strangle head lock, or through the Japanese arm lock and airplane spin of Jim Londos and down the line, the successful wrestlers have been those who have specialized in and mastered the dangerous and painful locks.

We recall that following the abolition of the strangle hold which could be lethal, along came the famous Frank Gotch, who perfected the toe hold, the application of which was not fatal but could result in many a broken ankle.

The version of the hammer lock which we see today is a poor man's edition of that used prior to the middle thirties. Many a wrestler of that period can tell a story about his dislocated arm or even broken limbs as a result of that one.

The double Nelson was a dreaded hold that resulted in many a neck being broken. The calm counterpart is used by Morris Shapiro, the Brooklyn grappler, who goes under the sobriquet of The Mighty Atlas. It is rarely used these days since the application takes a long time to learn properly.

Perhaps the greatest step forward has been the development of defense which has seen the present day crop better at escapes than were their grandpaps of yesterday.

Through the era of the best two out of three falls into a period that saw the bouts shortened to one decisive fall there was a growing tendency to find and perfect holds that were so punishing in their effects that the victims would succumb in short order.

It was during this time that the suffocating body scissors of Joe Stecher played such a vital role. Earl Caddock put on display a brand of head scissors that was a skull crusher.

Jim Londos held court during this era and the Zbyszko brothers, Stanislaus and Wladek, elaborated on the Gotch toe hold causing a trail of broken toes. Gino Garibaldi had his own body scissors and wrist lock combination, Ferenc Holuban had a double arm lock that was cruel in its application . . . . it left many a broken bone as an aftermath.

John Pesek burned the skin off opponent's with his double wrist lock and Ed Don George had a bone crushing hammer lock that left his victim gasping with pain.

Possibly one of the most dangerous holds ever used was the combination hammer lock and body hold applied by Alexander Aberg, one time Greco-Roman world champion. Aberg would obtain his hammer lock while on top of his man and unless his victim escaped or gave up he was quite likely to end up with a broken arm. Aberg would seize the wrist of the opposing wrestler and would twist the arm upward behind his opponent's back. Once the hammer lock was secured Aberg, when in a hurry, would grab his rival about the body, lift him off the floor and then dump him on his head. A very discouraging process indeed.

Wrestling is much more interesting today than it was years hence, but when it comes to the real McCoy in the grunt and groaning the boys back in the Shooting match days had a reason for their grunts and their groans.

Tiger Joe Marsh seen on a Hollywood set with Gene Simmons one of cinemaland's top stars who is a wrestling enthusiast.

Oh that hurts! The modern variety of pain is administered by Fred Lover Boy Blassie as he twists and pulls Stue Gibson's arm on the way to getting an armlock and winning the match. (Photo by Bob Utter.)

Today's thespians put on a much better show, but the punishment dealt out in the good old days . . . . that was murder. The trouble was that one hold could take an hour whereas today the canvas is only used as a last resort and a match many see as many as a dozen holds by any contestant in a few minutes.

But who has been the most painful wrestler—that's a leading question—take your choice.

Short Story on Ray Thunder Stern

By Bob Utter

RAY THUNDER STERN, a powerful 232-pounder hailing from the Borough of Brooklyn, is known not only for his physique but for his outstanding work on the mat.

Starting out as a body builder, Ray captured the "Mr. Brooklyn" title while still in his teens.

Glory was something unimportant to Ray since his thought was becoming a doctor. He paid his way through pre-Med school at Western University but decided on professional wrestling over a college career and a chance to become a saw-bones.

Thunder is known as the "Westling Thunderbolt." He's fast, scientific and can match holds with the best in the business. He has faced the likes of Big Bill Miller, Great Scott, Buddy Rogers and Edmund Francis.

At present he holds the Florida State heavyweight championship but would like nothing better than to capture the global belt.

Ray learned to pilot a plane while in Florida and now has his own craft which he uses to cut down travel time while making his mat dates.

Stern's hobby is flying, but he also likes to hunt, fish and swim. T-bone steaks, French-fries and salads are his favorite foods. Ray is fond of children and spends many hours with clubs teaching children various forms of recreation.

Kenny Ackles, the body beautiful, who has the gals swooning is seen here as he looked in the play "Mr. Roberts". Kenny will be seen on video shortly.

Reading from left to right: Lord James Blears, Captain Leslie Homes, Lord Athol Layton, honoraries of the Lords of the Mat Fan Club whose prexy is Marie Garrison.

Penny "yummie" Banner, blond, green-eyed beauty of the mat world, who has no trouble getting dates when she's not wrestling.

On and Around the Mat

GLANCING through our copy of the Pat O'Connor Fan Club bulletin called *Pat Patter* we noted that the O'Connor's collect stamps, that Pat received a beige sweater from his fans and that he wears size 11½ sox, that he wears a 11-D shoe and like his ties 56" long.

Tiger Joe Marsh was in to say goodbye . . . he and his tong men from the Teahouse of the August Moon, Ed Chase and Conrad Yama, will tour the U. S. ending up on the Pacific Coast. . . . another recent visitor to The Ring office was Kenny Ackles who is settling in New York and will grapple around these parts in the near future . . . . he'll follow in footsteps of other wrestling stalwarts by drifting into the entertainment and dramatic field. . . . Kenny had an important part in "Mr. Roberts" and has now decided to devote more of his time to the stage and TV . . . . he'll still be wrestling though girls.

A quick computation shows, that any one wrestling show in Madison Square Garden in New York drew in more moola than recent boxing shows lumped together.

Pinky George, Des Moines sports promoter, has offered Alan Ameche, Wisconsin All-American fullback, a $100,000 a year guarantee to grapple for a living . . . . reports have it that Pinky will advance $25,000 to seal the bargain . . . . should Ameche continue with his contemplated plans which call for his playing pro football then Pinky will only guarantee him $50,000 for his westling activities. . . . Alan's wife, Yvonne, said that she couldn't picture Alan as a wrestler. . . . The addition of $50,000 or so might come in handy though.

Two more mat men have joined that special Valhalla where brave men go when their time is up. . . . Gus Johnstone of Laconner, Washington, passed away at the age of 50 at Vancouver, B. C. an hour after winning a match . . . cause was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage. . . . At Daytona Beach, Florida William (Bill) Charles Rush who grappled under the sobriquet of the Canadian Angel, died at 43 of a heart attack . . . . he collapsed in his dressing room after taking part in a tag team match with three other wrestlers at the Beach Arena.

Ted Lewin, 21-year-old grunter, who doubles as an arts student at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N. Y. when not wrestling, took a fall too artistically in a tag team match at the Laurel Gardens and . . . . broke his leg . . . . get well quickly Ted.

BORN twenty years ago in St. Louis, Mo., Penny Banner is a beautiful, blond-haired, green-eyed lass that is an added attraction to any arena.

Weighing a solid 150-pounds, Penny is a curvaceous Miss who stands a well distributed 5-feet 8-inches in her sheer 66 gauge nylons. She could be a model in any big department store.

While attending Roasti-Kain High School in St. Louis, she participated in many sports including volley-ball, swimming and was captain of the basketball team.

After Penny graduated from school she took a job as a cashier and with the money she saved bought a pair of water skis. She taught herself the water sport at which she is now an expert.

Besides being an expert at skiing and swimming, Penny can also handle herself in the judo department. She attended a judo school at the St. Louis YMCA and progressed so well that she did a TV show with the Marines. She later became a USO hostess.

Penny first became interested in wrestling while taking judo. As a child she was always a tomboy and enjoyed playing football and baseball with the fellows on the corner lot. Miss Banner can be as feminine as a New York model. She loves children, and someday, hopes to marry and have some little wrestlers of her own.

The top stars in girl wrestling are Nell Stewart, Mildred Burke and June Byers. There is no doubt in the minds of thousands that someday Penny will wear one of these titles.

I can't resist saying that I've never seen a prettier Penny

The Fan Club Circuit

By Pat Schnee

It is a well known fact that most people think that publicity is a highly specialized, cut and dried affair—handled chiefly in wrestling circles by the promoters, their publications and organizations. That may be true to some extent.

However, it is a further fact that publicity as sent in to the various wrestling publications via fan clubs come in for their share of credit too. If the materials are newsworthy and the photos are sharp and clear there is every reason to believe that the fan clubs can play their part in the career of their honoraries as well. This leaves the situation squarely up to the fan clubs themselves; that being, to write bang-up material, to obtain good photographs and then smack them across the board straight-away to publications such as The Ring and Wrestling Publicity Ink. I think Mr. Loubet and I, as Editors of the first and second named publications respectively, can assure you that whether your fan club material gets into print or not is strictly up to the caliber of material you submit—no other factor is concerned.

Here's the Newest List of Fan Clubs Who Belong to Promotions Limited:

Goelz, Billy—Donald Burnell, Pres., Box 139—Rt. 2, Maple Park, Ill.

Gomez, Pepper—Clarice Doerner, Representative, 13248 Ambaum Rd., Seattle, Wash.

Gunkel, Ray—Mary Jo Mercer, Secy., Chptr. 1—6604 E. Burnside, Portland, Oregon. Patti Mingus, Secy., Chptr. 2—346 Staat St., Fortville, Ind. Jean Weatherbee, Chptr. Pres., Box 56, Commerce, Texas.

Hickson, Billy—Chuck Schlosser, Pres., 114 Kelly Ave., Peoria Heights, Ill.

Jarque, Gregory—Janet Lawrence, Pres., 654 4th St., Lancaster, Penna.

Jonathan, Don Leo—Janice Bielecki, Pres., 11 N. East St., Holyoke, Mass.

Kowalski, Wladek—Helen McFarland, Pres., 1104 Hamilton St., McKinney, Tex.

LaSalle, Pierre—Marie Hupp, Pres., 120 N. 7th St., Marietta, Ohio.

Lewin, Mark—Peggy Reil, Pres., 3011 pl, Galveston, Texas.

WINNIPEG, MAN., CANADA

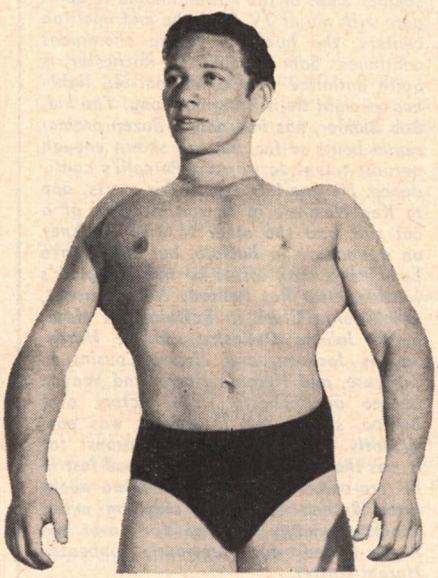
By Cy Louth

Two tough babies lived up to their reputation at Alex Turk's latest wrestling show at the Winnipeg auditorium, and took the wind out of the sails of a couple of popular lads who just weren't tough enough.

Victors of a tag team match which kept the crowd on its toes was the villainous Hard Boiled Haggerty, 255, New York and his partner in mayhem, Sir Allen Garfield, 241, who claims London, Eng., as his home. The vanquished pair were old timer Bronko Nagurski, 245, International Falls, Minn., and that amazing foot-fighter, Johnny Kostas, 239, of Greece.

The best out of two falls ended with grease on Yorkshire pudding, as the long-haired Englishman grabbed Kostas beneath the chin from the rear, hoisted him onto his shoulders and jiggled him into submission. Referee Frenchy Champagne mercifully stopped the battle before spinal dislocations set in. "Krippled" Kostas had to be assisted to the dressing room amid sad moans from the capacity-house fans.

First fall came at 17.10, when Haggerty pinned Nagurski, after a flock of punishment. The second stanza ended three and a half minutes later, when Nagurski pinned Haggerty on a doubtful fall assisted by Kostas yet allowed by the ref. The fans applauded the decision with tongues in cheek. The end came about eight minutes later. Silence prevailed in the auditorium. Then groans of symphony.



Ray Thunder Stern, a Brooklyn, N. Y. boy, who is going places in wrestling with his fast scientific style.

In the opener, which could easily have been billed as a headliner, the unbeatable (in a Winnipeg ring) Lu Kim, 265, Detroit, not only demolished The Mask, 247, Detroit, but stopped long enough after the fall to de-mask him.

He was revealed as Bozo Brown, of Huntington, Calif., who also wears the silks of El Diable. Following his defeat, he hurled a towel around his face and fled from the ring to the dressing room amid cries of approval from the crowd.

In the special event, Tony Baillargeon, 211, Quebec, bested Lou Klein, 231, Detroit, in 19.45. The bout was a clean one, with both wrestlers displaying skill and strength. However, it was rather uneventful.

Just what the instructions were before Bob McCune, 236, the Mr. America from Santa Monica, Calif., and Jack Witzig, 228, Eau Claire, entered the ring, may never be known. The fans expected a nice, gentlemanly bout, but were amazed when the former popular idol, Bob McCune, turned into a villain.

Kicking, using the strangle hold, pulling hair, and howling at the referee, the once "straight" wrestling McCune became a miniature mad man. The fans were amazed and dismayed. They yelled their approval when Witzig, bruised and shaky from being continually tossed out of the ring, and constantly fouled, finally turned tough himself, and took the fall in about half an hour of a scheduled 45-minute bout.

MUCH as the crowd disliked it, old Hard Boiled Haggerty, 255, New York, lived up to his self-conferred title of King of the Wrestlers when he underpinned and then pinned Lu Kim, 265, New York, the Manchurian Monster, at Alex Turk's mid-November wrestling show at the Winnipeg auditorium.

Concentrating on Lu's left leg, he first softened it up by draping it over the lower rope strand and descending on it with his knee. Then he clamped on a series of leg locks. Finally, after having been tossed out of the ring himself, the hard boiled one grabbed Lu's leg through the ropes and smashed it several times against the wooden lip of the battleground.

Then he leaped back into the ring, pounced on the Manchurian who was vainly trying to get his knee back into its socket, and spread-eagled him to the canvas. It was a noble victory for the haughty Haggerty and came at the 21-minute mark of a scheduled hour's battle.

Haggerty took plenty of punishment from Lu Kim's judo chops, but he was tough enough to withstand the onslaught. When in serious trouble, of course, Haggerty sought safety outside the ropes.

Though the crowd was saddened by the outsome of the main event, they were elated by the semi wind-up in which Jumping Johnny Kostas, 242, Greece, took the measure of royal purple-robed Sir Allan Garfield, 241, London, Eng. The time was 38.15, and a swell time was enjoyed by both Kostas and the anti-Garfield fans, and that included nearly everybody in the auditorium.

In the special event, Wild Bill MacMurray, 260, New York went haywire, with the result that the fall was awarded to Aldo Bogni, 253, South America, by way of a disqualification. Wild Bill did everything he shouldn't do, which included roughing up Referee Harold Nelson on a couple of occasions.

Now Winnipeg fans are anxiously waiting for Wild Bill to be matched with a real toughie his own size.

In the opener Bozo Brown, 243, Hudington, Calif., made the mistake of getting unorthodox with Tony Baillargeon, 211, Canada's strong boy from Quebec. The mighty Frenchman took it for 13.20 minutes. Then he decided that enough was sufficient and put Brown out of his misery with four consecutive drop kicks which really hurt. Brown entered the ring a swaggering villain. He left a staggering wreck.

Television invaded Winnipeg wrestling at Alex Turk's latest show at the

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CUBA BUILDS SPORTS CENTER

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Watching boys work out in a Miami Beach gymnasium, I counted eleven Cuban boxers tuning up for local shows.

As for the Andrews-Smith battle, it was one of the best I had seen among light heavyweights or heavyweights in many months. Andrews took a severe shellacking in the opening round in the Dinner Key Arena but Joe Louis' protege came back strongly in the second and thereafter took the play away from his rival to score a knockout.

Like most of the 3000 fans who sat in at this Pabst Blue Ribbon sponsored show, I didn't think much of Andrews' chances prior to the battle, but after Referee Coachman halted the contest in 2.49 of the sixth round, I was willing to concede that if Andrews can continue to improve, he'll be a worthy opponent for a title bout within another year. He put forth a great battle. At 180½ pounds, he was strong and fast proving that he is better as a heavyweight than as a light heavyweight. However, it is the aim of his mentors to have him box in both divisions and eventually keep him in the one in which he shows best.

The rise of boxing in Florida due to many good attractions staged by Dundee and Peeples, has helped Cuban boxing considerably because the promoters find it necessary to obtain talent from Havana to attract Spanish fight enthusiasts. Hence Havana is the supply station for minor bouts and the Cuban boys are kept busy flying back and forth.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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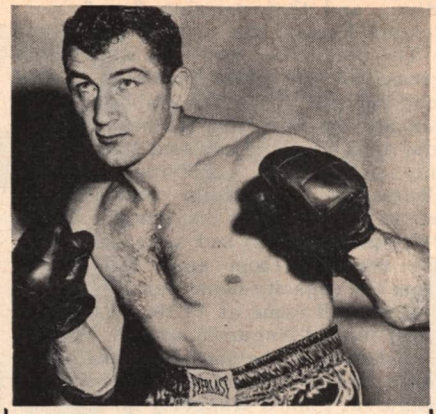
What does this indicate?

That all of boxing's woes cannot and should not be blamed on TV. Promoters must realize that the huge sums they receive from TV and radio sponsors won't continue much longer if more attractive cards are not arranged. As in the case of television shows that attract millions on circuit's over which celebrities like Ed Sullivan, Jackie Gleason, Milton Berle, Eddie Cantor, and Sid Caesar among others are starred, a considerable sum of the sponsor's contribution must be spent on talent.

Boxing cannot be an execption. It behooves the big time promoters as boxing enters a new year, to give the public better shows with high class undercards supplementing top main event attractions, if they want both the TV home viewers and the ringside addicts to keep up interest in boxing.

New York remains the world's greatest city for entertainment and must not be relegated to the ranks of the hasbeens in boxing. If boxing ceases to be a major sport in New York, the country's greatest financial center, the promoters will find it more and more difficult to gain the support of big-money sponsors and it won't be long before the sport will take a back seat in the Metropolitan area.



BOB BIEHLER

It has often been said that nothing springs more eternal than the optimism of the fight crowd. Despite the fact that developing young talent has become a precarious venture these days, with the smaller clubs of the nation unable to compete with major TV from the metropolitan centers, the hunt for future champions continues. Sam Porcelli of Rochester is quite enthused over a 21-year-old light-heavyweight he is bringing along. The kid, Bob Biehler, has had only a dozen professional bouts so far, but has shown enough natural talent to warrant Porcelli's confidence. He has lost two of his starts, one to Ken Hammer in Detroit because of a cut eye, and the other to Rico Hackney on a decision in Buffalo, but these have been more than offset by the youngster's victories over Ray Pollard, Willie Tatune, and George Clark in Buffalo, Joe Hammett, Johnny DeRushie, Jackie Harris, Sammy Jackson, and Jimmy Cousins in Syracuse, and Herman Harris and Wayne Bethea in Rochester. The victory over Bethea, scored last December, was particularly impressive for two reasons: (a) it was the only decision Bethea had lost in his pro-career to date and (b) two weeks later Bethea scored a stunning upset knockout victory in New York over the highly-touted and previously unbeaten Harold Carter.

New York must be brought back to the top if boxing is to regain its high place in this country. No other state in the Union can do as much for sports as can New York. All it needs is attractive cards from the bottom up, such as Boston recently gave its boxing enthusiasts.

The New York Commission, through its new chairman, is going to go all out in an effort to get more of the classy matches for its territory.

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Albert L. Watson ruled that it was not invasion of an individual's right of privacy to show or publish his photograph "in an occurence of general or public interest."

"In such a situation, the interest in being left alone is overbalanced by the general public interest in being kept informed," Watson added.

And just to keep the general public informed—in case anyone missed those telecasts—Ettore was knocked out in five rounds by Louis on September 22, 1936, in Philadelphia.

James M. Dolan was named sports director for the DuMont television network. He had been assistant director for a year and a half and formerly was on the sports staff of the National Broadcasting Company and Columbia Broadcasting System. Dolan succeeds Tom McMahon, which proves that nothing succeeds like assistants.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

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Berlin, Germany—Willi Hoepner was once again in destructive mood when pitted against the long Belgian heavyweight, Al Bernard. The German came in at 182, thus giving away a full two stone to the invader but this did not prevent Hoepner from carrying the fight to Bernard right from the start. But in the third, Bernard changed his stance and foxed the German southpaw, who suddenly dopped a howling right to the jaw and fell like a sack. Up again at "five", Hoepner had the Belgian out cold at the end of the round but the gong saved Al. The sixth round was the last, the Fleming raised his hand in surrender after two further counts.

Rudi Langer thrashed Eugène Servais, Belgian feather, over eight. Fredi Teichmann trounced Charles Odon in a welter eight, Max Resch iced Van Damme in the second of a middles slugfest. Günther Hase laced René Thange in a welter six and sole Belgian victor was veteran Maurice Robbesyn, who creased Toni Gruber with a right to the jaw in the third of their heavyweight maul.

Bologna, Italy—Franco Cavicchi completed his year with another swift kayo, shattering the French heavy, Emile Bentz, in round one. Another French big guy, Maurice Mols, did excellently to draw with dangerous Giovanni Alfonsetti over eight rounds and Alvaro Cerasani hurriedly flattened Belgium's Jacques Lesseine in the first round of a feathers bout. Roberto Spina beat Robert Meunier in a bantam eight.

Cremona, Italy—Here in the Violin City, Aristide Pozzali scored a good win over the Spanish flyweight, Manuel Rodriguez, in eight, whilst Valentino Gianluppi beat Alex Merialdo in a lightie encounter. Mario Faverzani defeated Yves Boglione, French middle, over eight rounds.

Milan, Italy—At the Cavalerizza, Sergio Milan showed the fans some of his Australian form by blasting out the French lightie, Theo Nollet, in six rounds. Milan is due to meet Famechon shortly. Jean Arville, young French hope, upset Luigi Valentini in a welter eight and Sergio Caprari stopped André Meraint, French feathers puncher, in the sixth. Franco Rosini was likewise impressive in outclassing Nicola Funari in a lightweight eight.

Paris—At the Central, Hubert Pierrard put the cat among the pigeons by repeating a previous win over Roger Ferragu, this time stopping the forceful young welter in the fifth.

Barcelona, Spain—Manuel Correa at last has achieved the title he should have long since captured, the national welter crown. He met and defeated the holder, Emilio Orozeo, known in Spain as the "champion of defeat", over twelve rounds in which there was never any doubt as to the outcome. Correa whipped Orozco last spring but the Federation altered the decision to a draw after some mistake in the judges' cards.

Milan, Italy—Aldo Pellegrini wound up the Old Year with a successful knockout at the expense of Bernard Navarre, of France, who went out in the third. Franco Vescovi whipped Jack Subero, Trinidad welter, over eight, and Gert Müller of Germany thrashed Ferruccio Consorti, Italian welter, in another eight. Letterio Petilli stopped Jacques Colomb in the tenth of a bantam slam and Germano Cavalieri nodded the Algerian Rachid Taihi, in a welter six.

Brindisi, Italy—Local lad Cosimo Pezzuto made his first showing before a hometown audience a satisfactory one. He chilled Franco Sisella in the fourth of a feathers fracas.

At Valenza-Po, Piero Baldini outboxed Morsli Sarahoui, a Moroccan light-heavy, over six rounds.

At Taranto, Ziano stopped Negro in the fifth of a lightweight encounter and Mancarella checked Natale Blasi in the fifth of a welter whirl.

Happy New Year to all readers.

RACKETS BUSTER TAKES OVER

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"I want to explore the workings of the Commission thoroughly before taking any action. I have heard there may be a number of things wrong with the boxing situation. I intend to investigate to find out."

HELFAND can be depended upon to move slowly. He took eight or 10 months on the Gross case before making an arrest. Harry Gross, big shot bookmaker, had corrupted large numbers of New York policemen in order to carry on his illegal trade. When Helfand was ready he moved for indictments, and eventually Gross went to jail. Many dishonest cops were also convicted.

"I have been something more than just an assistant. For the last five years I have been head of the rackets bureau with a staff of more than 100," Helfand said. "I have had administrative ability."

How as Commission chairman will he use his talents as an investigator? He isn't saying, but he must be aware of the rumors and charges that have been made public in recent months. He may have heard that:—

1—Known gangsters are alleged to have influence with promoters.

2—Tie ups are said to exist between managers and racketeers.

3—Organizations (the International Boxing Guild, and the Metropolitan Boxing Alliance) may have usurped the powers of the Commission.

4—Attempts have been made to fix fights, as in the case of Clarence Henry, the heavyweight, who is under indictment on a charge of seeking to induce Bobby Jones, West Coast middleweight, to lose to Joey Giardello.

The Henry case became public when Jones reported the attempted fix to Commissioner Christenberry, who promptly turned it over to the New York district attorney. The fight was held and Jones lost in a honest contest.

"I also understand television has created problems." Helfand said. Here again he has ground to investigate. Involved is a charge of monopoly against the I.B.C., but as the case is in the hands of the United States Supreme Court, the new Commissioner must move slowly.

"No agency can commit itself until it has developed every angle," said Helfand, who assumes the chairmanship with two Republicans as fellow commissioners. He succeeded Dr. C. B. Powell, whose term had expired, and took over Christenberry's job as chairman. The latter is remaining on the board and with Leon Swears, whose term runs until December 31, 1955, gives the Republicans a majority.

This is a situation that Farley was not confronted with when he served with William Muldoon and George Brower. Tex Rickard was the promoter in Big Jim's time and Jack Dempsey was heavyweight champion. Times were good, and the only thing that disturbed Farley's administration was the political pressure brought to bear to get Harry Wills a title battle with the Manassa Mauler.

Helfand must work with Norris, whose activities as a promoter are often outside his jurisdiction. He has a capable heavyweight champion in Rocky Marciano, but things just aren't like they were prior to television.

CHRISTENBERRY also challenged the underworld when he first took office, Special legislature was passed to give him the powers he felt he needed, but the mobsters only retreated to safety beyond New York's boundries. It is significant that Christenberry has advocated a Federal Commission for boxing in recent months.

A successful hotel man, Bob was unsuccessful when it came to turning the rascals out. He did make a contribution, and not a small one, to the safety of the boxers. A new mat, reducing the shock when a fighter was knocked to the canvas, was installed. The National Boxing Associations automatic eight count, the rule stipulating that a bout must be halted after three knockdowns in a round, were introduced in New York State. Eight ounce gloves replaced the six ouncers previously used. All these served as safety measures.

Only in championship contests were these rules waived. Where Christenberry took office at a time when the public was aroused over a series of ring deaths, no fatality occurred during his administration. This was due in a large measure to the Medical Advisory Board, headed by Dr. Mal Stevens, former football coach, and high-scoring half back at Yale.

Following Christenberry, Helfand's task is to restore public confidence in what may be the world's most popular sport. He is well equipped for the job. Born in Brooklyn, he was educated at New York Law School. He became an assistant district attorney in 1937 after first representing his district in Albany. Residing in Brooklyn with his wife, Naomi, Helfand is a Dodger rooter of course.

His son Robert is a lawyer, and also an accomplished golfer. The chairman plays the game for recreation, shooting between 95 and 100. The Helfands have a married daughter, Mrs. Elliot Loeb. Completing the family circle is a Welsh terrier named Duffer.

IN explaining his approach to his new job, Helfand said:—"People are the same everywhere. I have had a little experience with people."

Gone are the days when "both boys are members of this club." The new chairman takes over at a time when there are more fight fans and fewer fight clubs than ever before.

While television has made thousands of new fans it has killed hundreds of clubs from Coast to Coast. With few places in which to perform, preliminary boys find it difficult to make a living. Many have been forced to quit and turn to other activities in order to eat.

The result is a scarcity of fighters, both in the preliminary ranks and at the top. The small clubs, boxing's "Farms" have almost ceased to exsist. Baseball is similarly afflicted, and minor league after minor league has folded. The fans prefer to see big league ball on TV than watch the minor leagues in the flesh. The National Collegiate A.A. is still trying to solve the television problem.

Boxing and all sports are victims of the times. That doesn't mean they will cease to exist. Better days may be ahead although they will be different.

Nobody is likely to see anything resembling the $1,925,564 paid by 45,266 fans on June 19, 1946 when Joe Louis fought Billy Conn a second time. That was less than 10 years ago and the highpoint in Mike Jacobs' career. Eddie Eagan was commission chairman then. Who could foresee the drastic changes just ahead?

Col. Eagan was a victim of the changing times, and to a lesser degree so is Christenberry. The atom is changing a way of life all over the World, and boxing can't escape the climate created by forces that challenge the imagination.

What is ahead nobody knows, including Julius Helfand, the new commissioner. But it is safe to assume that in one form or another, boxing will survive. It always has.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. Jimmie Amann

THE Becker brothers, Sam and Benny presented a good program on December 7 at the Music Hall Arena. In the main attraction, Davey Moore of Springfield, Ohio won the state featherweight title with a nine round tko over Eddie Burgin of Cincinnati.

This really pushes Moore several notches up the 126 pound ladder. His co-managers are Lenny Myers, Chicago and Ted Ordanik, Fairborn, O. The gross was $2,772 and the attendance 1,123.

In the undercard, Sid Peaks, Louisville heavy stopped Bob Jackson of Dayton in the first round. Charlie Glober knocked out Harvey Fuqua in 2; Doug Medley tko'd Ivan Keeling in 4; Henry White stopped Dick Geib in one and Clarence Wooten won from Jerry McGee in a five rounder.

My new 1955 promoters, managers guide, 1000 names listed is now ready at one dollar per . . . also subscribe to my weekly boxing letter, ten dollars per year, 52 issues. . . . Jimmy Brown, former Ezz Charles trainer has struck out on his own as a manager and has a good bunch of youngsters under his wing.

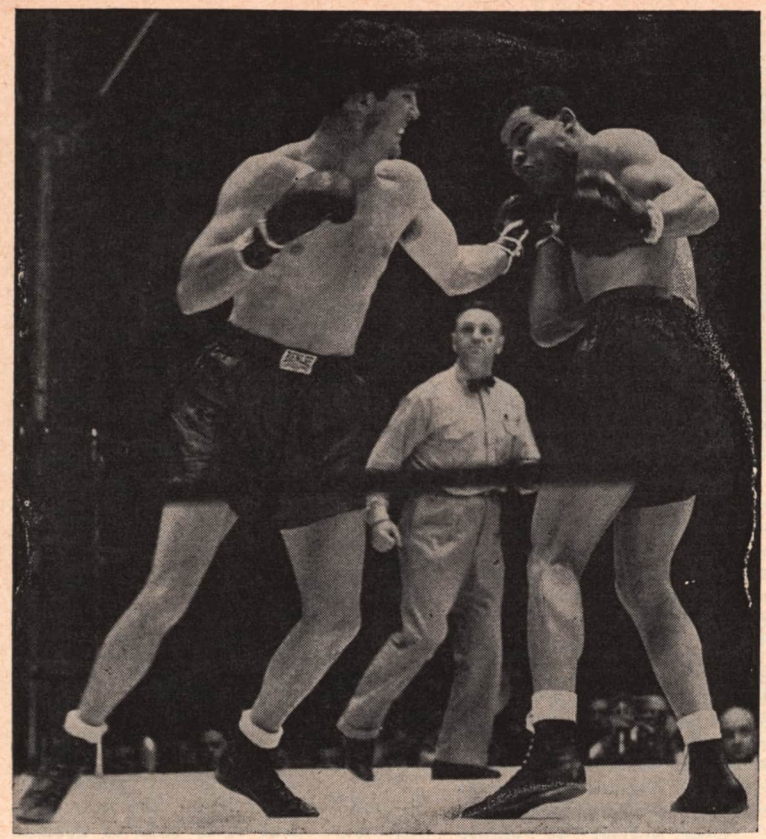
SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO

By Less Huffman

THE Dayton Gymnastic Club sponsored a boxing show with Felix Antonio, Dayton light heavyweight, losing an eight rounds decision to Arthur Wright of Detroit in the main event.

Morris Moss halted Danny Jones in the fifth round. Eddie Brant dropped the duke to Al Berry in another six rounder. George Boddie won a close decision from Sherman Williams in a four round bout. Dick Vess and Bob Amos, both of Dayton, drew in six heats.

Toledo businessmen are planning a benefit show in Toledo's spacious arena with Syd Goldberg at the helm. Send all notes to Less Huffman, P. O. Box 611, Station G, Columbus, Ohio.



Billy Conn (left) had the world heavyweight championship all but tucked away in his first bout with Joe Louis in 1941—but he had too much Irish in him and was knocked out in the thirteenth round.

The Fighting Irish?

By JOHNNY SALAK

THE Fighting Irish, like the American Indian, are a vanishing race. Notre Dame excepted. Said statement made with the express purpose of starting a few lively tussles. And if that doesn't do the trick, raising the ire of Ireland, getting Pat, Mike and Shamus to remove themselves from the protection of the cozy and complacent comfort of the great deeds of Irish fisticuffers of the past (long, long past) then we shall have to do something drastic. Like saying that the Sons of Erin are no longer thick-headed. More thin-skinned and thin-skulled. And the only time they can be referred to as the fighting Irish is when the Old Lady and the Old Man get together.

Ah, there was a time an Irishman would fight at the drop of a hat, or even before the hat dropped. And some say that the boyo would even knock the hat off an acquaintance's head, which would drop the hat, which would start the fight. But with few living witnesses to such shillelagh-supported shenanigans, it is a difficult thing to prove.

Looking over the annual ratings of fighters by The Ring we find that good Irish glovemen are as scarce as spuds on the Emerald Isle during the potato famine.

For among the men who are rated in the exclusive "First Ten" in each division we find only two and a "half" sons of Erin. Two of them barely hang on near the tail end of the rated men, Del Flanagan, the St. Paul, Minn., lightweight, and young Billy (Spider) Kelly, the Londonderry, Ireland, featherweight, who is the British Empire champion.

The "half" is Frankie Ryff, youthful but high-ranking New York lightweight, who is of German-Irish descent. The Irish blood seems to predominate in him, though it may have evened out after the Orlando Zulueta fight. In an interview recently Francis was asked, "What fighter hit you the hardest?"

In hearty Hibernian fashion he recalled that he didn't remember. And, smiled the smiling German-Irish American, "Couldn't have hit me with a very hard punch if I don't remember, or could he?" Spoken like a true Irishman!

NOW don't get the impression that these are the only Irish fighters around today. It's not quite true. For instance, there is welterweight Glen Flanagan, who has gained a modicum of fame as Del's brother; and Patrick John (Paddy) Young, the middleweight who can safely claim he never lost a fight for a world championship, owing mainly to the fact that he has only fought for the American title; and Alfred (Walter) Cartier, who in 1953 was holding forth (and first) in dear old London town when the British, taking cognizance of the fact (no doubt) that he was Irish, disqualified him in his bout with Randy Turpin.

And William Patrick (Billy) Graham, of whom it is said there goes the world welterweight champion but for the grace of Gavilan; and Boston featherweight Tom Collins, who didn't mix too well; and Billy McNeece, Irish we understand, though he came out second best in a tussle with an automobile and a telegraph pole; and the Irish-English middleweight John L. Sullivan, whose only resemblance to the great fighter of the same name is his genuine, and not disagreeable, confidence.

And John Kelly, the Belfast bantamweight, who in two fights succeeded in winning the Irish, British and European titles and, in 1954, in a space of three fights was knocked out thrice while losing two of the championships.

Sure and there must be others, such as Pat McAteer and Terence Murphy, middleweights who show promise—though they are Irishmen living in England. And John McNally of Belfast who had won the European amateur featherweight championship and has shown well in his brief professional career. He is green, through and through.

A CAREFUL and extensive check of the records unearthed the fact that there *is* an Irish heavyweight champion. There is as sure as St. Patrick kicked all the snakes out of Ireland! Paddy Slavin of County Tyrone accomplished the Finn McCoolian feat of winning such a title in 1949, though evidence is sorely lacking that he has defended those honors too often, probably having frightened off all challengers by his prowess. And, no doubt, in an attempt to lure some worthy opposition back Paddy

has endeavored to win only four of sixteen fights over the last three years.

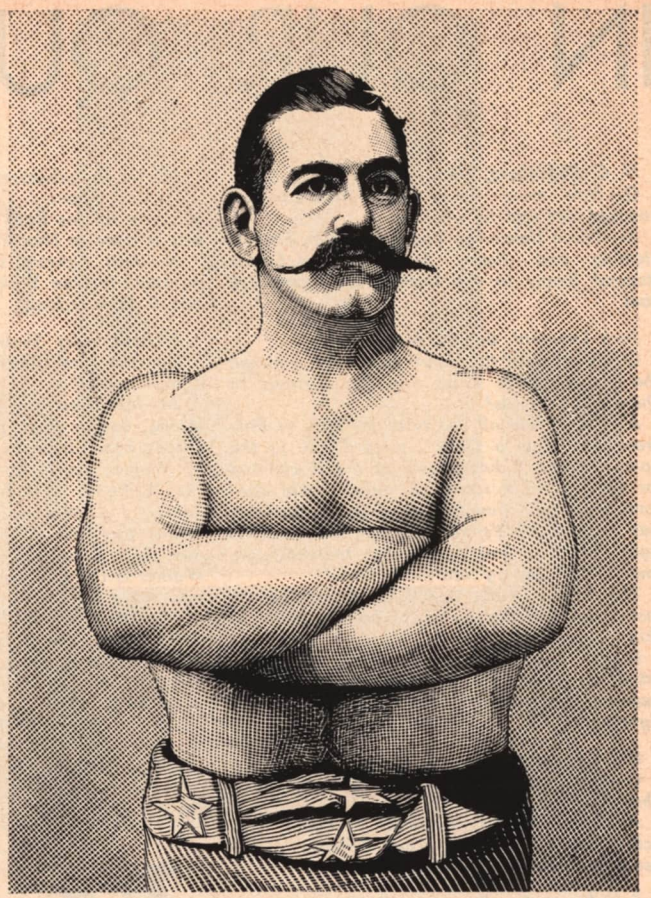
It wasn't always like this, this scarcity of Irish fighters. Nat Fleischer says he remembers a time, way back around 1905 when he was breaking into the sports beat, that seventy percent of the fighters were Irish. And prior to that the percentage was even higher, dating back to a time when fighting in America was almost an exclusively Irish pastime and profession. French-American George (Kid) Lavigne, who won the lightweight title by knocking out Dick Burke in seventeen rounds in London in 1896, they say, was the first great non-Irish American fighter. We will not dispute the matter, though it definitely is open to controversy.

The field was almost completely Hibernian in those days, days of the giants that saw the likes of Paddy Ryan and John L. Sullivan dominate the field of heavyweights and Irishmen. Behind them, and a little later, came Jake Kilrain, Tom Sharkey, and of course Jim Corbett, and Mike Donovan and Peter Maher and all the lesser lights. Since then only two men of Irish blood have been able to win the world heavyweight championship, Gene Tunney in 1926, and Jim Braddock in 1935. And it doesn't look like there will be another for quite some time, unless Paddy Slavin gets serious and stops trying to lure opposition back to Belfast by losing.

WHAT a galaxy of Irish greats there have been in the past! Light heavyweight champions like Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, George Gardner, Mike McTigue, Tommy Loughran and Billy Conn. And Tommy Ryan, who held both the welterweight and middleweight titles. Mike (Twin) Sullivan who was champion in the welterweight division. And of course, the Nonpareil, Jack Dempsey, who held the middleweight crown and buddied with two others who were known as the Three Famous Jacks, Jack Skelly and Jack McAuliffe, the lightweight champion who was known as the Napoleon of the Prize Ring. And why they likened this County Cork lad to a Frenchman, we'll never know. Though, truth be known, this Bonaporte boyo did accomplish some feats which compared him favorably with an Irishman.

And the others through the years, like Jack Britton, Jimmy McLarnin, Ike Weir, Billy Murphy, Terry McGovern, Johnny Kilbane, Jimmy Barry, Joe Lynch, Frankie Neil, Harry Forbes, all champions, and, of course, Rinty Monaghan, the last and the littlest of them.

Rinty Monaghan (right), the littlest and the last of the Irish champions. Rinty won the world flyweight title in 1948. He is being presented with a championship belt by Nat Fleischer, Editor of The Ring.



John L. Sullivan, the Boston Strong Boy, one of the greatest idols in American sports history, who "could lick any man in the world," until another Irishman bettered him.

And though they didn't win titles, Irish fighters like Frank Moran and Packey McFarland and Jimmy Britt, and others too numerous to mention, though we can't go on without the Gibbons boys, Tom and Mike.

It was the fighting spirit of the fighting Irish that made them scale the heights of greatness. But where have they gone? Where are their counterparts today?

Why are there not any Irish lads coming into the ranks from the once hotbed sections of fistiana such as New York, Boston and St. Paul?

Where are the men who could, like the Boston Strong Boy, boast and fight and say, "I'm John L. Sullivan and I can lick any man in the worrld!" And then do it, until another Irishman took his measure.

And where are the men like Billy Conn who met head on with the indestructible (time alone defeated him) Joe Louis and had all but won the world heavyweight championship with his dancing feet and flicking fists. And after shaking the Brown Bomber with a left hook to the jaw followed by a right cross that sent Louis back to his corner wobbly at the end of the twelfth round, elected to finish the job in the next stanza, only to be knocked out himself.

It was a courageous, crazy and cocky thing to do. It was an *Irish* thing to do. The easy road to the championship stared at him. But he wanted to fight as he had on the streets of Pittsburgh and his own words, after the world tumbled in on him explains it all, "I guess I had too much Irish in me. I lost my head and a million bucks."

But he made a great fight of it and he will always be remembered for the great stand he made, possibly his name standing out more for the manner in which he lost than it would have had he gone on to win a decision.

But they are no more, and the game is worse for it. It has often been said that what the boxing game needs is a crop of good Irish and Jewish fighters. A crop? Right now, we'd settle for one four-leaf shamrock to help put the game back in clover.

IN OUR QUESTION BOX

N. C. Rosenberg, Elko, Nev.

Q—How many times was Benny Leonard knocked out and by whom?

A—Three times—by Young Shugrue, Frankie Fleming and Jimmy McLarnin. McLarnin stopped Benny in the latter's last comeback bout.

Jack Leomard, Boston, Mass.

Q—What was the chief difference between the London Prize Rules and the Marquis of Queensberry Rules?

A—You'll find all the rules in "How to Referee and Judge a Fight", price $1.00. In the London Rules, a knockdown of a fall counted for the end of a round. A round would continue until such time as one of the contestants was downed. That's why so many bare-knuckle fights lasted so long and why so frequently we find rounds running into the hundreds.

The London Rules called for a half-minute rest period and the use of the bare knuckles or skin-tight gloves.

In the Queensberry Rules, gloves are stipulated, a minute's rest takes place between rounds and a round consists of three minutes of fighting and the rest period.

Harvey Duncan, Norfolk, Va.

Q—Who put Joe Louis down in his fights as champion and after that?

A—He was dropped by Jimmy Braddock, Max Schmeling, Buddy Baer, Tony Galento, Jersey Joe Walcott and Rocky Marciano.

Sam Rosen, San Francisco, Calif.

Q—Is an eight count mandatory in all contests?

A—Every state has the eight count but in championship fights the rule is waived by the various commissions.

Q—Is the eight-ounce glove used in all fights?

A—In most states, yes. In some, the six-ounce is still used. In all title fights, except in New Jersey, the rule is waived and six-ounce gloves are substituted. New Jersey insists on the use of the larger gloves in all contests.

Robert Bachman, Kingston, Pa.

Q—Who refereed the bout between George Small and Laverne Roach at the St. Nicholas Club when Roach was injured and later died in St. Claire's Hospital?

A—The referee was Frank Fullum.

Pfc. Rayford J. Johnson, Korea.

Q—How many times did Louis and Schmeling meet? Our detachment has had quite a discussion on this during our spare time and we would like to get your answer. Also, in the fight, right after Louis won the title, the man whom he faced gave him a tough battle. The radio announcer said that he should have won and not Louis. Who was that fighter? None of our outfit seems to know.

A—Louis and Schmeling fought twice, once before Joe won the title and again after he had won the crown from Braddock. The first took place on June 19, 1936 and Louis was stopped in the twelfth round. The second, June 22, 1938, Louis won by a one-round knockout, 2:04 of the first.

The fight to which you refer was that with Tommy Farr, which Louis rightfully won. The decision was deserved and even Farr thought so though a few British scribes, backed by a poor announcer who had Farr winning all the way, thought Farr should have been declared the winner. I hope that you and the boys who are doing such a swell job in Korea will soon get plenty of time off to argue boxing instead of war.

Martin Shaughnessey, New Orleans, La.

Q—Did James J. Corbett do his training in this city for his fight with John L. Sullivan or was it done in New York?

A—Both fighters started their preliminary workouts in New York but later took up quarters in New Orleans.

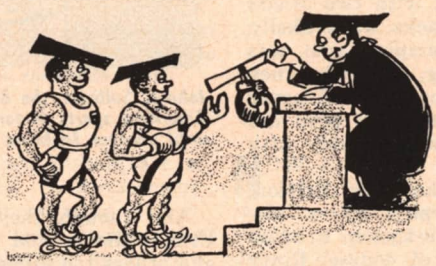
Richard Lang, Shabbona, Ill.

Q—How many fighters have won the Edward J. Neil trophy?

A—Jack Dempsey, Billy Conn, Henry Armstrong, Barney Ross, the Boxers of the Armed Forces, Benny Leonard, James J. Walker (father of Walker Law), Tony Zale, Gus Lesnevich, Ike Williams, Ezzard Charles, Ray Robinson, Jersey Joe Walcott, Rocky Marciano. The trophy was first awarded in 1938 to Dempsey and those listed above follow from that year. Walker is the only one who got the award and was not a boxer.

Q—What title fights, N.B.A. or otherwise, did Ezzard Charles have from the time that he won from Walcott until he was stopped by Walcott?

A—Gus Lesnevich, Pat Valentino, Fred Beshore, Joe Louis, Nick Barone, Lee Oma, Joe Walcott, Joey Maxim and then the bout in which he lost the crown to Walcott.



Judge Bernard McGivern, Owatonna, Minn.

Q—What is the meaning of a club fighter? Recently, following a Pabst program on Station WCCP-TV, that query was asked of a panel of three fistic experts—two former fighters and a referee and they couldn't agree on the answer, leaving the TV viewers in a quandary. May I have your definition?

A—Years ago, when New York had a lot of sectional rivalry, one of the promoters, Silvey Burns, coined the phrase, "they are good club fighters". Thus at the Commonwealth Club in Harlem, Frankie Jerome and Carl Duane were extremely popular and they always filled the club. In Brooklyn at the Broadway A.C., there were a number of boys who packed 'em in when matched with a boy from another section of the city. In later years, promoters and newspapermen referred to any fighter who was popular in his vicinity or city and who drew well at the gate because he was colorful and his style was entertaining, as a "club fighter" and the phrase originally coined in New York, became a national phrase.

Hence my definition is, "a colorful, entertaining, popular fighter in the vicinity from which he hails. Such a fighter is seldom a top rated boy but has what it takes to command public attention and bring in the fight fans at the gate."

Earl J. Dussinger, Lancaster, Pa.

Q—In the recent Charles vs. Wallace fight, what was the official decision? First it was announced as a TKO, then the referee changed it to announce Charles the winner by a knockout. I watched the fight on TV and could see only a TKO since the referee did not start a count but waved Wallace to his corner.

A—The official verdict is a knockout by Charles. The referee's verdict is the one that stands. Even if California had announced the fight as ending in a TKO we would record it as a knockout since there is no such thing as a TKO regardless of Commission rules to the contrary. Every time a fighter is stopped, he is knocked out of time and therefore knocked out. California rules do call for TKO endings, but Charles-Wallace fight goes down into their records as a KO and not a TKO.

A. MacFarland, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Q—What heavyweight champion retired undefeated and remained so? I don't regard a fighter who makes a comeback as a retired champion.

A—Only Gene Tunney. He's the only one who retired with the crown and never made an attempted comeback. Both Jeffries and Louis made comebacks but failed.

Louis Meralli, Jr., Milford, Mass.

Q—Was the Tunney and Dempsey fight in Chicago scheduled for more than 10 rounds?

A—No. For ten and it went the limit with Tunney retaining his title. Get a copy of our 1954 Ring Record Book. You'll find your query and hundreds of others answered for you in this boxing encyclopedia.

S. M. Strizik, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Q—Did Frankie Burns and Packy O'Gatty fight on the Dempsey-Carpentier Card?

A—Yes.

Q—When was the loud speaker first used?

A.—It was used by Joe Humphreys in the fight.

L. Bailey, Amanda, Ohio

Q—Did Rocky Marciano knock Joe Louis out of the ring in their fight and did the referee count him out while he was on the apron?

A—In the eighth round Marciano dropped Louis twice. The second knockdown saw Louis topple through the ropes, landing on the ring apron. Because of Louis' condition, Referee Ruby Goldstein did not bother to count but signalled a halt to the fight.

John Sabatt, Niles, Ohio

Q—How many times did Galento and Louis fight each other?

A—Once. June 28, 1939. Louis scored a knockout in the fourth round.

Lawrence Gershal, U.S.S. Coral Sea.

Q—Did Georges Carpentier ever fight Jack Johnson? Was Tommy Burns a recognized heavyweight champion?

A—They never fought. Carpentier refereed one of Johnson's fights in Paris. Burns received universal recognition as world champion after he had cleaned up the division contenders both in the U.S. and abroad. When he fought Jack Johnson in Australia, their fight was definitely for the world heavyweight crown.

Harold Cushman, Norfolk, Va.

Q—In what round in their first fight was Rocky Marciano penalized for hitting low?

A—In the eighth which was his best round. The referee took the round away from Rocky who otherwise would have had it chalked up to his credit.

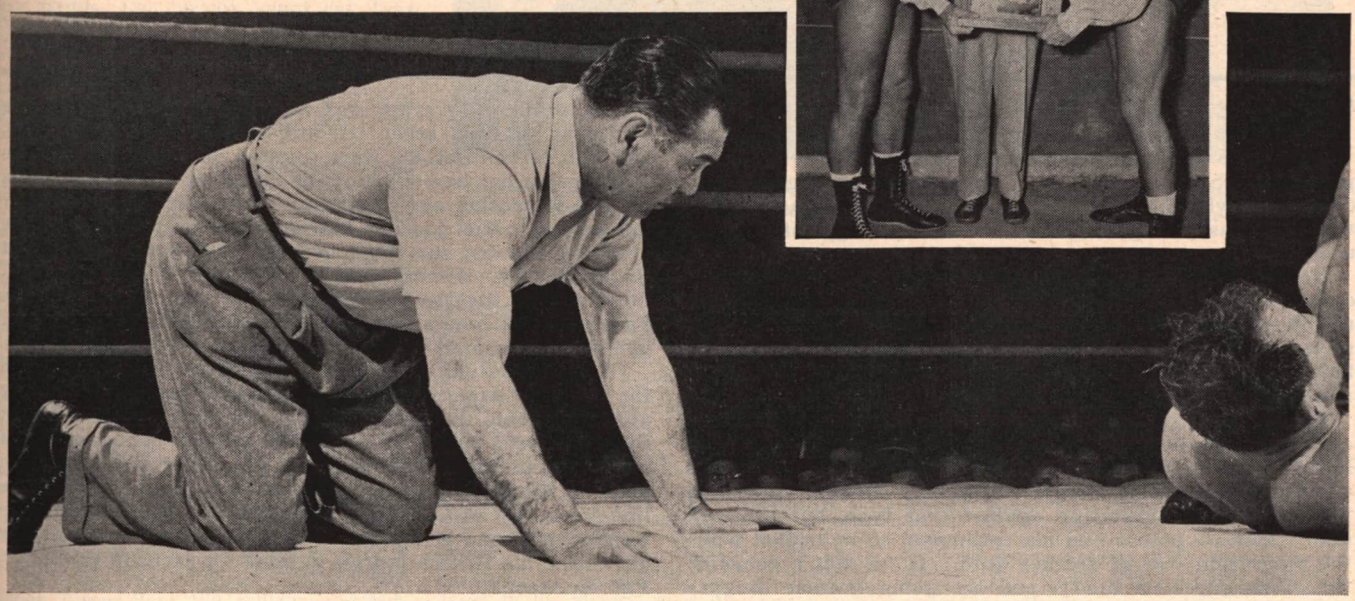
Martin Gottesfield, Los Angeles, Cal.

Q—How often was Joe Louis sent to the canvas during his career as a professional?

A—He was dropped by Max Schmeling twice; Buddy Baer, Tony Galento, Joe Walcott, twice in their first fight and once in the second; by Jim Braddock and after his comeback, by Rocky Marciano.

A Day With DEMPSEY

By NORMAN REISSMAN



Jack Dempsey acting in the capacity of a wrestling referee has the respect of the groaners and has little trouble maintaining order. Above in insert Jack is seen presenting Ben and Mike Sharpe with a trophy emblematic of their claim to the world's heavyweight Tag Team championship.

THE man with the familiar face had dropped into Chicago from a Western tour. He was full of energy for a 59-year-old. The fact that thousands of friends would corner, almost smother him these next two weeks did not scare Jack Dempsey. "I'll see them all," he said. "When I'm among friends, I feel good. It was always this way."

Promoter Fred Kohler had called on Jack for two weeks of work as a referee. The pay would be exceptional. And why not? The Manassa-man could still magnetize 'em at the gates.

So here he was in Chicago. No sooner had the news passed around than 22 TV and radio announcers wanted Dempsey as a guest. Even those who were not addicted to wrestling would have Dempsey talk about the game.

I spent a day with Jack, and was beaten long before he'd finished his round of familiar cafes and TV stations and the local wrestling bouts. An incredible bundle of energy somehow keeps him going. The voice is always pleasant, the right hand poised to wave to another friend.

Dempsey himself has been a stimulant to the wrestling game. At the WBBM-TV studio, where he was going to appear with announcer Bob Elson, a receptionist asked his name; then raised an ear closer. She said, "Dempsey the fighter?" Jack answered softly, "Yes, fighter, but long before your time, I'm afraid." Yet she knew all about him.

Several cameramen in the studio hailed him, "Hi, champ." It was always so. The champ! He's never lost the title, symbolically. Ask them about Tunney or Carpenter or Willard or Firpo, and they'll say, "Name sounds a little familiar."

Following Dempsey around was a physical chore. It would be Jack Drees' program, then Arch Ward's and finally Irv Kupcinet's. He would make as many as possible. These were friends from way back. They would learn for the thousandth time how he'd been belted out of the ring by Firpo, and sportswriters had helped him back, to pulverize the Frenchman. They would ask him whether the wrestling game has tired him, and he'd say, "Nope, there's plenty of spirit in it."

And they would wonder if Jack ever has to use his fists to keep law and order in the ring. It once happened against wrestler Cowboy Luttrell, now a Florida promoter and a good friend of Jack's. The incident, in which Luttrell had swung at Jack during the show and then was carried feet-first to his dressing room, produced an enviable splash of publicity for the colorful business.

For the most part, Dempsey's fists (he swears) remain in the archives. "After all, how can a 59-year-old have power against these young strongboys of the game?"

A friend laughed. "I'll bet you'd still give many of the punks in the current boxing picture a lesson or two."

"Maybe," he said. "But I'm really a peaceful guy, just earning a living outa wrestling. I don't want to fight with anybody."

There was an incident he told of a little fellow who wanted to rough him up back East. It seems Dempsey was watering his lawn that day, and accidentally, a spray of water touched the fender of a passing auto. The driver came to an abrupt halt, and rushed over to Dempsey, not recognizing the man wearing coveralls and in need of a shave. He shouted invectives without hearing Jack's apology. Then Jack shook his head with resignation and walked back to the house, evading trouble. As the driver returned to his car (with an "I sure put that bum in his place expression) another fellow called to him, "You tried Jack Dempsey's patience that time. And he was kind to you. But I suggest . . . ." but before he could finish, the little driver had passed out.

The night I covered the Dempsey story he refereed a wrestling match. Folks seemed hopeful that Jack might have to employ a fabulous right hook to keep Hans Schmidt or one of the others from operating against the rules. But

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

WHEN discussions get around these days to knock-out specialists of bygone eras, you seldom hear the name of Al Foreman mentioned, but for his poundage the former British and Canadian lightweight champion, who died recently in Montreal at the age of 50, was about as prodigious a clouter as this commentator has ever seen.

No available record books list Foreman's complete ring career, which began about 1918, when he fought in England as "Bert Harris," and ended in 1934 in Canada, but as close as we've been able to check, Al had in the neighborhood of 200 professional fights, and flattened or stopped his opponents in at least half of them.

Foreman's explosive punching, however, was mainly against rivals he was sure he could beat—fading veterans like Leo (Kid) Roy and Johnny Dundee and miscellaneous operatives like Goldie Ahearn and Mickey Genaro. Foreman was positively devastating against that type, but his sock didn't seem so potent and his enthusiam so unbridled when the opposition was of sterner stuff. If he didn't demolish the other guy in a hurry, and the going became tougher than expected, Al had a tendency to become, er, "discouraged." Among those who helped to "discourage" and beat him were Louis (Kid) Kaplan, Bat Battalino, Johnny Jadick, Nel Tarleton, Billy Townsend and Joe Ghnouly.

A fast starter, Foreman was particularly dangerous in the early going He was an implicit subscriber to that bit of succinct advice tossed out by the late W. G. Fields in "Poppy," a popular Broadway musical of the '20s: "Never give a sucker an even break." Al didn't. He tried to finish his opponents as quickly as possible, and woe betide the poor unfortunate who couldn't get out of the way of those early blasts Foreman's record was studded with one-round blitzes. When he won the British lightweight title in 1930, he required less than a minute to wreck Fred Webster in London.

Al's fastest job was turned in on Ruby Levine in Montreal in 1928, and it rates among the quickest performances in ring history. The official time, including the count, was 11½ seconds. The following year Al was only eight seconds slower in finishing Frisco Bautista in Quebec City.

Born in London, Foreman was a restless sort, and couldn't seem to stay put very long in one place. He made a regular habit of commuting across the Atlantic, scattering his ring activities in England, Canada and the United States. Toward the end of his career, he included a brief jaunt to Australia. On most of his travels, he was accompanied by a brother, Harry, who doubled as manager and trainer.

We hadn't heard much of Foreman after he quit the ring in 1934. Apparently he'd had his fill of wandering, and settled permanently in Montreal.

SHORT POKES. . . . Their lucrative TV deal has expired, and probably won't be renewed, but the Messrs. Ray Arcel, Dewey Fragetta and Sol Gold aren't likely to be needing any benefits for a while. They had a terrific thing going for them in "Saturday Night Fights." With Fragetta doing the work, Arcel taking the bows, and Gold smoking cigars and looking important, the trio must have whacked up about $500,000 among themselves in two years. Even with taxes out, they should have a sizeable bundle of cash to keep them in groceries for some little time to come.

The local sock market was hit two rough jolts within a few days of each other recently when Ned Johnston, 71, and Bob Lowenthal, 63, were counted out. . . . Ned was the least known but best liked of the Johnston clan. The others did the promoting and managing while Ned was trainer for the troupe. His passing leaves Charley, youngest of the brothers, the last surviving member of boxing's once robust Royal Family. Jimmy died in 1946 and Bill in 1950. . . . Lowenthal, a theatre ticket broker, with headquarters in the Forrest Hotel, was a keen boxing enthusiast, and since 1931 had been associated with Joe McKenna's various promotions.

Chances of Johnny Sullivan coming over from England for another American campaign don't look too promising at the moment. Eastern Parkway has been trying to import Sullivan for a series of bouts, but Johnny has a couple of important matches shaping up on the other side that would make it worth his while to delay a jaunt here. He's in line for a shot at Charley Humez and the European middleweight title, and can grab himself another lush payday by defending his British laurels against an exciting challenger, Pat McAteer.

RING-LETS. . . . With all this wailing about major TV putting the nation's smaller clubs out of circulation and cutting off the supply of "new talent," it is difficult to understand why the International Boxing Club doesn't display some intelligent promotion by using its Madison Square Garden supporting cards not only to develop its own future attractions but to encourage more activity at the box-office. The I.B.C. certainly pays enough for semi-finals and preliminaries, but gets little in return. The Club has a set minimum rate of $5,600 per show, and that's a heap more than the average small club could be expected to draw even with "hot" local matches. Time was when semi-finals and preliminaries were important on Garden cards, but nowadays all they seem to represent are "favors" to certain managerial cliques. They seldom have any appeal to the public, and usually are of so little consequence they're not even mentioned in the advance publicity. Times and conditions have changed, indeed, in this TV era.

If Al Weill keeps trying long enough, he may yet come up with a Washingtonian to beat Floyd Patterson. In recent months, both times in the Garden, the flashy Brooklynite wrecked two of The Vest's Capital entries, Joe Gannon and Willie Troy. . . . Incidentally, the "weak chin" Troy was supposed to have wasn't very much in evidence against Patterson. Floyd bounced lefts and right off it in wholesale lots, and quite a few of them landed solidly, but Willie wasn't belted off his feet at any time during the six rounds the lop-sided affair lasted.

Johnny Reisler, ranking featherweight and lightweight of the '20s, and son of old-time promoter John (The Barber) Reisler, is working at St. Nick's on fight nights, in charge of the door leading to the dressing rooms. . . . A quartet of New York managers have leased the Holyoke (Mass.) Valley Arena and are trying to revive boxing there. . . . Even better than the first issue, The Ring's second annual "TV-Fights" is a definite MUST in any fight fan's library.

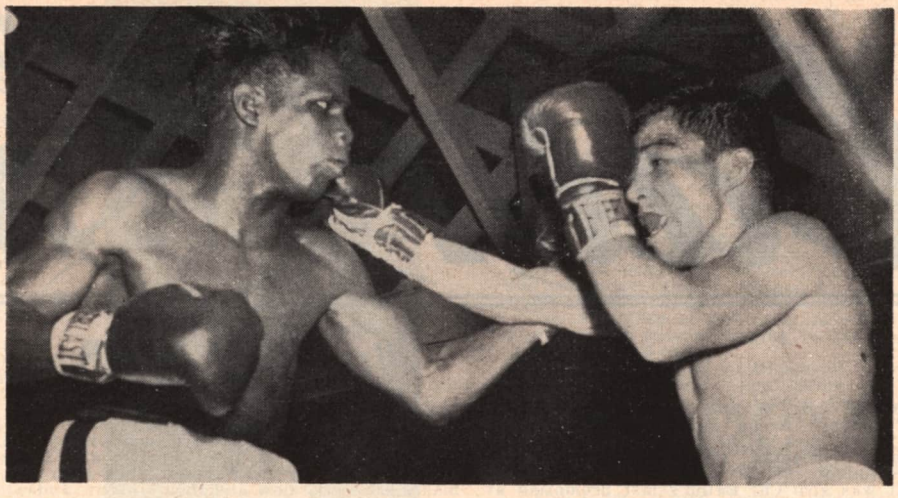
THE month's results:
Swarming all over his opponent, stocky Rudy Garcia, 128¼, Los Angeles, used an inept Gene Smith, 130,

Washington, D. C., as a punching bag until Referee Harry Ebbets stopped the massacre early in the sixth at Eastern Parkway. The once high-ranking Smith had nothing with which to hold off the strong, persistent Californian, and he was punched, pushed and mauled without making a serious effort to fight back. Time and again Garcia would rush him to the ropes and slug away with both hands while Smith did nothing but stand there and take everything the Californian threw at him. Smith's feeble resistance twice led Dr. Sam Swetnick, club physician, to check him in his corner, first after the third round, then after the fourth. When Smith showed no improvement in the fifth, Ebbets warned him he'd call a halt if Gene didn't show some fight in the sixth. Smith didn't, and the round had gone only eleven seconds when Ebbets called it quits. Ray Portilla, 136, Mexico, edged out Tony Pauleo, 136, Brooklyn, in a free-swinging semi-final eight. Johnny Orgen, 205, Bronx, whipped Rico Hackney, 194, Long Island City, in six. In fours, Gene Smith's brother, Harold, 128, salvaged something for the clan by beating Bobby Davis, 125, Newark, N. J., and Eddie Jordan, 146, Brooklyn, won from Warren Hegge, 151, West Side.

Confused at times by his opponent's southpaw tactics, Danny Jo Perez, 136¾, West Side, blew a decision he should have won in a lively ten with Kenny Lane, 139¾, Muskegon, Mich., at St. Nicholas Arena. Perez was aggressor all the way, but made the mistake so many other fighters make—he relied on right hands to beat a portsider, instead of using his normal style. When Danny Jo fought as he should have fought, he had much the better of the milling, and several times shook Lane with solid lefts and short right counters. But too often he became exasperated by the Michigander's modus operandi, and pegged wild rights all over the place. Not only did he miss most of them, but frequently by such wide margins that he lost his balance, floundered clumsily, and was a mark for Lane's fast counter punching. Both boys were cut during the bout, Lane suffering from a gash on the top of his head in the sixth, and Perez a nasty rip above his left eye in the ninth. Blood pouring out of the cut bothered Danny Jo in the closing round. The semi-final eight ended at 1:49 of the fifth. Roy Alston, 151, Trenton, stopping a New Jersey rival, Dick Cannady, 155, Newark. Tommy Bain, 129, Indianapolis, Ind., outpointed Walter Johnson, 134, Memphis, Tenn., in six. In fours, Dave Bondulich, 176, Argentina, decisioned Art Miller, 176, Harlem; Danny Mendoza, 136, West Side, stopped Johnny Sheehan, 136, Bronx, at 2:31 of the third, and Gale Kerwin, 140½, Valley Stream, halted Johnny Long, 135½, Elizabeth, N. J., at 1:13 of the first.

Outclassing his opponent in every department, Bob Baker, 211, Pittsburgh, was an easy winner over Coley Wallace, 201½, Harlem, in an interesting, albeit one-sided, ten in Madison Square Garden. Baker had too much speed and too many combinations for Wallace, but he lacked the punch to finish his victim after having him in trouble several times. Setting a fast pace for a heavyweight, Baker was the aggressor all the way, outboxing Wallace at long range and outfighting him in close. Bob, however, had one rough spell en route. After staggering Wallace early in the fourth, the Pittsburgher became overeager in following up his advantage, and he ran headlong into a wild right. His knees buckled and he stumbled back. Groggily, he managed to weather the ensuing storm of Wallace fists, and last through the round. That was the only serious Wallace threat during the bout, and the rest of the way Baker won pretty much as he pleased. Wallace, bleeding from the mouth and with his left eye almost closed, was near exhaustion at the finish. Herbie Hayes, 171, Brooklyn, had too many left hands for Earl Charity, 167, Youngstown, O., in a dull semi-final eight. Auburn Copeland, 126, Flint, Mich., decisioned Al Tisi, 126½, East Side, in another eight. In fours, Frank LaPola, 160½, Newark, N. J., whipped Joe Salvato, 157½, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Don Lee, 179, Bronx, outfought Johnny York, 188, Norristown, Pa., and Yama Bahama, 150, Bimini, Fla., won from Lou Segar, 145½, West Side. Estimated attendance 1,400; gross gate $5,000.

Filling in for ailing Walter Cartier, Paul Pender, 160, Boston, accounted for something of a surprise by taking the decision from Ted Olla, 160½, Milwaukee, in a bruising ten at Eastern Parkway. Pender's better boxing and sharper punching more than offset Olla's aggressiveness and crude swinging. The bout was a rough affair, with plenty of tugging and hauling in the clinches, and both boys were cautioned for infractions of the rules. The wild swinging Olla was guilty several times of letting his punches go out of bounds, and he and Pender were warned for hitting on the breaks. It was a bloody brawl, and the rivals were well battered at the finish, Olla suffering a torn left eyebrow and a possible fractured nose, and Pender gushing claret from a deep gash over his left eye. Gene Poirer, 145, Niagara Falls, N. Y., won from Bill Neri, 143¼, Bridgeport, Conn., in the semi-final eight. Andy Figaro, 152, Puerto Rico, grabbed the decision from Roy Alston, 154¾, Trenton, N. J., in six. In fours, Tony De Cola, 135, Brooklyn, had the better of Stanley Bice, 137, Toronto, Canada, and Tony Gagliardo, 186, Brooklyn, drew with Artie Ludico, 185, Yonkers.



Helping to maintain Eastern Parkway Arena's reputation as "The House of Upsets," busy Bobby Bell (left) hustled and bustled his way to a decision over favored Rudy Garcia in exciting ten-rounder at Brooklyn sluggery.

Given his first main event and TV date hereabouts, Pete Adams, 153, Newark, N. J., made the most of the opportunity by hustling and bustling his way to an upset decision over Jimmy Martinez, 155, Glendale, Ariz., in a lively ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Adams, substituting for Gerald Dreyer, got a large assist in his victory when Martinez injured his right fist in the first round. Thereafter, the Arizonan waged a one-handed fight, but his left jabs and hooks weren't enough to hold off the crude but determined Adams, who crowded him all the way and kept him on a steady retreat. Realizing he was losing, Martinez, in desperation, began using his damaged right at the start of the last round, but it apparently hurt him more than Adams, and he had to quit throwing it after banging it into Pete's face a half-dozen times. In the semi-final, cut from eight rounds to four because of TV time, Sylvester Jones, 212½, Newark, was a bit too experienced for Howie Turner, 198½, Brooklyn. In sixes, Frank DiGiorgio, 161, Harlem, outpointed Lou Perry, 166, Brooklyn, and Bobby Scanlon, 128½, Buffalo, stopped Guadalupe Robledo, 136, Mexico, at 1:50 of the fifth. In fours, Johnny Lissey, 150½, Yorkville, decisioned Norman Wright, 145½, Harlem, and Cortez Stewart, 173, Philadelphia, won from Frank Ford, 174, Harlem.

Considering that he was up against a notorious "spoiler," and a difficult opponent to make a good showing against, young Billy McNeece, 165, Central Islip, did well to earn a split decision over lanky, awkward, ringwise Bobby Dykes, 161¾, San Antonio, in a hard-fought but unspectacular ten at Eastern Parkway Arena. McNeece won by forcing the action all the way. Billy's rushing, helter-skelter slugging wasn't especially productive against Dykes' cagey defense and sharp counter-punching, and the young man did considerably more missing than hitting, but his persistent aggressiveness apparently influenced Referee Ray Miller and Judge Artie Schwartz into giving him the majority verdict. The other judge, Leo (Bobby Dawson) Birnbaum, thought Dykes had the edge. The veteran St. Paul journeyman, Mey Brown, 163, showing for the first time since his return from Europe, was too ringwise for Irwin Schulz, 165½, Yorkville, in the semi-final six. Ben Washington, 142, Brooklyn, won from Artie McCann, 138½, Yorkville, in another six. In fours, Bill Zacher, 161, Staten Island, grabbed the decision from Richie Glennon, 157½, Bronx; Johnny Whelan, 154½, Baltimore, outfought Bill Montella, 155, Long Island City, and Hardy Smallwood, 154, Brooklyn, accounted for the only knockout on the card by stopping Al McQueen, 151½, East Elmhurst, at 2:13 of the second.

A pair of once highly-rated heavies, now faded has-beens, Cesar Brion, 203, Argentina, and Dan Bucceroni, 195¼, Philadelphia, floundered through ten sloppy rounds at St. Nicholas Arena, with Brion collecting a disputed decision at the finish. It was a messy affair, with too much pushing and mauling. When he could keep operations at long range, Bucceroni showed flashes of his one-time form, and landed some clean, hard shots that shook Brion up. Dan didn't land them often enough, however, and what advantages he gained in these infrequent outbursts were lost when he permitted the clumsy Brion to fall inside and outfumble him in the clinches. The semi-final, listed for eight, uncovered a real surprise when previously unbeaten Harold Carter, 184, Linden, N. J., rated one of the better young heavyweight prospects hereabouts, ran into unexpected defeat at the hands of Wayne Bethea, 191½, Bronx. Carter shaped up well for three rounds, but was knocked down in the fourth and faded rapidly after that. He was near collapse when the sixth ended, and after checking him in his corner Dr. Alex Schiff recommended the affair to be halted. In fours, Shirley Pembleton, 181½, whipped a fellow-Philadelphian, Bob Slaughter, 174. Cecil Barbosa, 126½, Brooklyn, decisioned Paddy Read, 127½, Bronx; Tony Sansone, 140, Long Island City, halted George Tedesaco, 135½, Bronx, at 2:32 of the second, and Jimmy Skinner, 159½, Brooklyn, was credited with a kayo when Artie Lawrence, 164½, Harlem, was not permitted to come out for the third because of a gashed eyebrow.

Substituting for Danny Giovanelli, and regarded as a soft touch, Joey Klein, 150½, East Side, contributed the Eastern Parkway Arena's first upset of the new year by scuffling his way to a knockout over Gerald Dreyer, 150½, South Africa. The bout was halted at the end of the seventh with the well-beaten Dreyer bleeding profusely from the nose, deep cuts over both eyes and a rip across the left creekbone. Klein's features also were a mess, the right eye almost closed and gore streaming out of a smashed nose and a cut on the left eyelid. The favored Dreyer was surprisingly inept against the bobbing, weaving tactics of the aggressive Klein. Joey had no trouble brushing past the lanky South African's jabs and belting him with rights to the body and lefts to the head. Several times Klein staggered Dreyer but lacked the power to put him off his feet. Gerald, however, was weakening rapidly just before the bout was halted. Recovering from an early knockdown, stocky Carl Coates, 141, Baltimore, slugged out a close decision over taller Damasco Colazzo, 139, Cuba, in a hard-fought semi-final eight. Benny Artist, 135, outpointed a fellow-Brooklynite, Claude Norwood, 140, in six. In fours, Johnny Allen, 133, Brooklyn, decisioned Juan Suares, 135¾, Puerto Rico, and Ray Apollo, 149, Newark, stopped Johnny Whalen, 152, Baltimore, at 1:18 of the first.

The more durable Gil Turner, 154, Philadelphia, edged out Italo Scortichini, 153¾, Italy, in a free-swinging, give-and-take ten at St. Nicholas Arena. The bout was fought at a sizzling pace all the way, with Turner's stronger finish deciding the issue. With his skittery style and fast overhand rights, Scortichini got off to an early lead, often beating Turner to the punch, but the Philadelphian kept ploughing forward, gradually slowing the Italian down with his relentless buzzsaw tactics. As Scortichini tired, he resorted to butting in the closing rounds and

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IN SUNNY California

By BILL MILLER

FIRST fight of 1955 at the colorful little Eastside Arena saw Frankie Cockrell, 146½, rack up the unanimous verdict over Ramon Hernandez, 153, of Juarez after ten hard-fought rounds.

It was also Cal Eaton's last promotion at the Eastside, his temporary headquarters while the Olympic Auditorium was undergoing a complete overhaul and face-lift—about $65,000 worth of improvements.

There were no knockdowns, but plenty of action. Both Cockrell and Hernandez are short on science but long on toe-to-toe tiffing. The customers loved it.

Referee Tommy Hart and Judge Charley Randolph turned in identical score-cards, 56–54. Judge Lee Grossman tabbed it 57-53.

The supporting card was the best in the short history of the Eastside arena.

Dangerous Danny Perez, 156½, scored a 2-round TKO over Willie Stevens, 160, of Reno, in the semi-final, scheduled for six. The week before, Perez had stopped Satchel Porter in two. This kid seems to be going places. He dropped Stevens three times before Referee Lee Grossman halted hostilities.

The fours, all thrillers: Harvey Taylor, 168, TKO (4) over Freddy Milton, 170; Julian Velasquez, 128½, TKO (4) over Tommy English, 131½; and Ray Hernandez, 126, decisioned Lloyd Williams, 128. Both Velasquez and Hernandez were making their pro debuts; they are proteges of Ken Harmon and likely-looking lads.

A couple of our Southland boys, Cisco Andrade and Lauro Salas, traveled away from home for action as the old year tossed in the sponge.

Cisco journeyed to New Orleans, where he battled 3rd ranking Ralph Dupas, the elusive Louisianan. The verdict was unanimous in favor of Dupas. In my opinion, Referee Max Baer's verdict, six for Dupas, four for Cisco, was the closest.

I watched the fight (as you probably did) on television. And you can't always sometimes tell from TV, can you? At all events, there was no excuse for the judge who tabbed it eight for Dupas, one for Andrade, one even. That was going overboard for the home-town boy.

The fight spoiled Andrade's thitherto unsullied record. It now reads: 29 fights, 27 wins, one draw and one defeat.

Cisco suffered a bad eye-cut in the second round, which hampered him greatly. My old side-kick, Whitey Ekwert, lovingly known as the "big Polack", did a fine job of patch-up in the corner.

And in the final fight of 1954, up there in Minneapolis, Lauro Salas, former lightweight champ of the world, scored a 6-round TKO over Mickey Zielke. It was Lauro's seventh comback scrap; his fourth kayo on said comeback. There are still some good tunes left in this Mexican fiddle. I almost said "old fiddle"; that's not quite accurate.

Lauro, 26 years old, was only 7 when Archie Moore started his ring career in 1936. Hence he's 12 or 13 years younger than Arch.

The colorful little Aztec gave Zielke a terrific lacing. Win, lose, or in-between, he'll always be one of my favorites.

It most certainly wasn't a Happy New Year for Dale Hall and Jake Williams, heavyweights, and principals in the first show of 1955 at Hollywood Legion Stadium—January 1st. Referee Frankie Van, after waiting until 2:19 of the tenth and last round had elapsed, halted the bout and called it "no decision".

Thus, it was automatically referred to the State Athletic Commission for investigation, and the purses held up pending the verdict of Messrs. Tony Entenza, Everett Sanders and Norman Houston, our very capable Southland commissioners. That's good enough for me.

Van is an honest, capable official, and he acted according to his lights, but I'm of the opinion that his lights were somewhat dim on this occasion. I like Frankie, and I've known him many, many years, but even he makes a mistake now and then. (Why, Judas Priest! Even I make them!)

The fight was not a thriller, which is an ultra-conservative way of describing it. But one of the principals, Dale Hall, 203, had been out of the ring for almost two years. And his opponent, Jake Williams, 21 pounds lighter, had also been inactive for a number of months.

The smaller Williams did his best to avoid the heavy artillery of Mr. Hall. He ran. As for Hall, his timing was so far off that it was practically non-existent.

In the six-round semi, Sonny Gill, 157, nabbed the unanimous verdict over Joe Cardenas, 154. Cardenas finished strong, but not strong enough.

The fours: Harvey Taylor, much improved fighter, 170, KO (1) over Tiger McHenry, 175; George Reyes, 140, TKO (3) over Joe Perez, 136½; and Manny Otero, 145, TKO (2) over Jerry Marcus, 143.

Jesse Mongia, 123¼, wound up the year in a blaze of glory, untied and undefeated in six starts, by trouncing Gill Velarde, 127¾, at Eastside Arena, pro-tem headquarters of promoter Cal Eaton while the Olympic is undergoing extensive improvements.

The verdict was unanimous; Referee Reg Gillmore's card read 56½–53½, while Judges Tommy Herman and George Latka turned in identical ballots, 57-53. In rounds, Gillmore awarded Mongia five, Velarde two, three even.

It was Mongia's first start since July, and he was a bit off in his timing.

Ramon Hernandez, Juarez, 151¼, outslugged Fernando La Doll, 146, to win the unanimous verdict in the six-round semi. The fours: Lloyd Williams, 129, decisioned Eddie Gonzalez, 134; Danny Perez, 157, TKO (2) over Satchel Porter, 156½; Russ Gillam, 165, TKO (2) over Frankie Parker, 173; and Freddie Milton, 174, KO (2) over Major Culbert, 167. The Major goes back to the ranks.

Ramon Tiscareno, 146, was held to a 10-round draw by Ernie Greer, Oakland, 150, at Ocean Park Arena—something of an upset. Referee Russ Bradford tabbed it 55–55, and there was some dissension from the 1661 fans who paid a net of $2,035.42 to see the ruckus. It was a near-capacity crowd.

Bill Harrington, 166, decisioned Harvey Taylor, 165, in the six-round semi. The fours: Joe Perez, 138, decisioned Mike Nunez, 143; Bones Davis, 161, KO (1) over Ted Wiley, 164½, and Joe Mack, 171, decisioned Ray Louis, 163½.

"Don Jordan stands out like a teetotaler at a distiller's convention in the rankings issued by the Southern California Boxing Writers Association for the last quarter of 1954."

Those aren't my words. Morton Moss, of the Examiner, is the author. The slender Jorden, state lightweight champ, has the unusual distinction of being rated ahead of Cisco Andrade by the boxing writers.

Here are the ratings of the boxing gents for the final quarter of '54:

Heavyweight: Champion, Willie Bean. 1-Young Jack Johnson; 2-Charley Powell; 3-Big Bob Albright; 4-Dale Hall; 5-Sgt. J. B. Reed; 6-Jake Williams; 7-Zora Folley; 8-Jack Scheberries; 9-Gene Thompson; 10-George Woods.

Light-heavyweights: Champion, Esau Ferdinand; 1-Frankie Daniels; 2-Don Grant; 3-Howard King; 4-Roger Rischer; 5-John Harding; 6-Henry Ratlor; 7-Clyde Watson; 8-Lonnie Malone; 9-Harvey Taylor; 10-Calvin Brad.

Middleweights: Champion Sal Perea; 1-Willie Vaughn; 2-Bobby Jones; 3-Charley Green; 4-Petey Servin; 5-Eddie Sims; 6-Sal Flores; 7-Neal River; 8-Charley Sawyer; 9-Wes Echols; 10-Tombstone Smith.

Welterweights: Champion, Ramon Fuentes; 1-Maurice Harper; 2-Ramon Tiscareno; 3-Ernie Greer; 4-Art Aragan; 5-Lou Gage; 6-Mario Trigo; 7-Freddie Herman; 8-Rudy Martinez; 9-Art Soto; 10-Manuel Castillo.

Lightweights: Champion, Don Jordan; 1-Cisco Andrade; 2-Johnny Gonsalvez; 3-Joey Lopez; 4-Henry Davis; 5-Art Ramponi; 6-Carlos Chavez; 7-Buddy Evatt; 8-Andy Escobar; 9-Rudy Jordan; 10-Manny Renteria.

Featherweights: Champion Rudy Garcia; 1-Reuben Smith; 2-Bobby Why; 3-Kenny Davis; 4-Augie Villa; 5-Al Cruz; 6-Jose Cotero; 7-Jesse Mongia; 8-Vic Ponce; 9-Lauro Salas; 10-Gil Cadilli.

Bantamweights: Champion, Cecil Schoonmaker; 1-Billy Peacock; 2-Keeny Teran; 3-Baby Face Gutierrez; 4-Casey Jones; 5-Frankie Campos; 6-Johnny Ortega; 7-Jackie Spurgeon; 8-Joey Trujillo; 9-Luke Sandoval 10-Baby Moe Mario.

Flyweights: Champion, Johnny Ortega.

Well, there you have it: the selections of the Fourth Estate, and barring a few exceptions, I go along with them.

Here are the exceptions I take (my privilege as a free-born American, veteran of many a canteen battle—and, incidentally, a guy who was writing about boxers and boxing before some of the aforementioned scribes were born).

Among the heavyweights, in my book Charley Powell rates premier position. Light-heavies: Don Grant, the same. He won and lost with Esau Ferdinand, the champ: but he won 10 out of 10 the night his hand was hoisted, and dropped a split duke when he lost.

Middleweights: Certainly Bobby Jones, on the strength of his two wins over Gil Turner, as well as wins over Esau Ferdinand, Maurice Harper, Clifton Lester and others, deserves higher ranking than he was accorded. No? This is the Gil Turner who holds wins over world champ Johnny Saxton and Del Flanagan; knocked out Ramon Fuentes, Joe Miceli, Chico Varona, Bernard Docusen, Ike Williams and many more.

Welters: Placing Art Aragon in No. 4 spot is the height of something-or-other. Aragon would out-draw ALL the California champions, if all were boxing on the same card on the same night. And when these gents ranked Art Ramponi 5th in the lightweights, they made me chuckle a couple of chucks. All Ramponi has done, in very recent months: knocked out Andy Escobar, Buddy Evatt, Lauro Salas and Juan Luis Campos.

Oh, well, it's a free country. And we can't all be perfect, can we?

Former lightweight champion Lauro Salas, 129, scored his third knockout in six fights since he started his comeback a few months ago, at the expense of Sonny Straus, San Diego, 128. A near-capacity crowd at the colorful little Eastside Arena witnessed the bout. It was a Cal Eaton promotion.

Eaton had been staging weekly shows at the Eastside Arena to fulfill TV contracts, while the Olympic Auditorium got a $65,000 face-lift, overhaul, painting and renovating job.

A month ago, in Albuquerque, Straus was given an 8-round decision on a foul over Salas. In vain did Lauro and his manager, Roger Leighton, protest; the verdict stood.

After a characteristic slow start, Lauro turned on the heat; took the second by a solid margin, and just as the third round was ending, nailed Straus with a right to the jaw which sent Sonny, face downward, to the canvas. The bell sounded a moment later, and Sonny's seconds dragged him to his corner.

Straus came out for the 4th, but he should stood in bed. A left and right to the jaw sent Sonny down for 8. Seconds later, another right laid Sonny low, and after a third knockdown, Referee Frankie Van halted the slaughter. The time, 1:01.

In the six-round semi, Jose Quezada, 134, outpointed Joey Galez, 137—a split decision. The fours: Joe Acosta, 137, decisioned Eddie Gonzalez, 133½; Bobby Ramajo, 134, outpointed Eddie Barnhart, 130½; and Manny Otero, 143, TKO (1) over Duke Emery, 140¾.

Soft-spoken, but hard-fisted Art Ramponi, Oakland lightweight, became the darling of the Southland as well as his home territory by scoring a smashing 3-round knockout over Buddy Evatt at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Ramponi, 134; Evatt, 136.

A crowd of 4500 paid over $7,200 to see the televised scrap.

To the tall, bushy-haired Italian boy, this was certainly the most satisfying if not the most important fight of his career. For it was this same Evatt, last year, who scored a 4-round kayo over Ramponi at South Gate Arena.

It was Art's second pro fight; he was a green pea. He had three fights in '53; all ended in knockouts—two on the profit side of the ledger, the other, the Evatt kayo above mentioned.

Evatt had a slender edge in the first round; the betting-boys made him 2-1 favorite. In Round Two, a rip-roaring right laid Evatt low for an 8-count; in Round Three, Ramponi went after Buddy tooth and toe-nail, dropped him three times before Referee Tommy Hart mercifully stopped the slaughter.

Sonny Gill, 156½, decisioned Bobby Ross, 158½, in the six-round semi. The fours: Hank Aceves, 129½, TKO (2) over Sandy Alvarez, 130; Richie McLane, 145½, TKO (3) over Ted Wiliams, 143; and George Woods, 205, decisioned Chubby Duez, 192.

Joey Trujillio, 121, of Denver, won a close 10-round verdict over Luke Sandoval, 122, San Pedro, at Ocean Park Arena. It was Trujillio's fourth straight win at the little waterfront club. Referee Mushy Callahan tabbed it 57-53. It was the first main event for both boys.

Trujillio, managed by Sparky Rudolph, finished strongly. He is undefeated as a pro.

In the six-round semi, Epi Martinez, 122½, decisioned Ray Mainero, 123½. The fours: Harvey Taylor, 170, outpointed Bill Herrington, 171; Manuel Armstrong, 156, TKO (2) over Bull Redder, 160; and Joe Mack, 171, decisioned Ray Louis, 164.

Since the Bobo Olson-Pierre Langlois title fight in San Francisco's Cow Palace was viewed by several millions, and read by many more millions, it's unnecessary for me to go into detail thereon. Olson, 159½, scored a TKO after 58 seconds of swat-swapping in the 11th heat over Langlois, 157¾.

The crowd was announced as 16,543; the gross gate, $107,660; the net, $93,396. This was a switch; attendance and receipts both exceeded the pre-fight estimates. Promoters had figured on 12,000 fans and a gate of $80,000. The town "got hot" the last few days.

Jimmy Savala, 139, and Lou Castillo, 142, seldom stopped punching in their six-rounder, which took place after the TV main event. Savala landed more often in the first four sessions, and really took command in the fifth and six to clinch the decision. Both boys make their headquarters in the Bay Area.

Jim Cody, 163, Kansas City, made good in his invasion of the stronghold of Ruben Hernandez, 159, San Francisco "butcher boy." Cody rapped out a decision over Ruben in six heats.

Four-round prelims: Alex Amador, 150, KO'd Charles Courtney, 145 in 2; Jamie Carabello, 123, stopped Don Sacco, 123, in 3; Danny Rodriguez, 140, dec. Gil Castillo, 140.

When fighters can make fans applaud loudly, they are putting up a spirited battle. But when sophisticated ringsiders like those in Richmond, Calif., throw money into the ring after a main event, they must have been given something extra. This was the case when Sonny Amoroso, 138, Oakland, outslugged Tommy Manaois, 136, Hollywood, in a hurricane ten rounder.

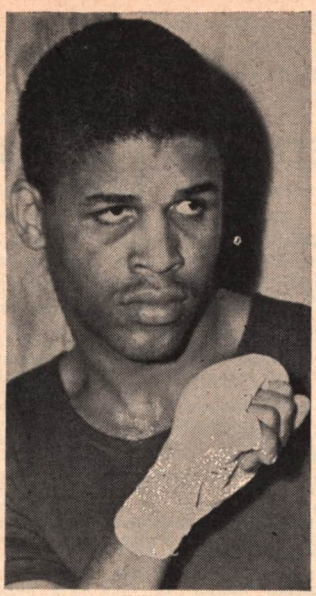
This was the tenth victory in a row for Amoroso, who has been extremely busy in the past season in both Northern and Southern California rings. Referee Jack Silver scored it 56-54.

The final Continental Boxing Club's show of the year grossed $1775.

Manaois staggered the Oaklander twice, but could not overcome the youngster's punching fury. Amoroso closed Tommy's left eye in the seventh, and in the same round received a cut under his own eye.

The three special events were six rounders. Buddy Jay, 164, Oakland, outpointed Cal Cooper, 164, Stockton. Floyd Sampson, 140, Reno, won the verdict over Chuck Carter, 143, Richmond. Hank Lujon, 133, Sacramento, decisioned Paul Felix, 127, Stockton.

In the opener Joe Louis III, 185, KO'd Larry Thoms, 195, in the first.



Don Grant, listed as California's second ranking light heavyweight by the State's boxing writers and tops by Bill Miller. He won and lost with champion Esau Ferdinand.

Stockton fans who were marking down the point total in the main event at Civic Auditorium had to tear up their score cards and throw them away after three rounds. The point statisticians had Stan Davis, 127, of Reno, ahead of Leo Tolentino, Stockton, 130, midway in the third session. It was then that Tolentino nullified all addition by landing the sleep producer. The contest had been scheduled for ten.

Abe Nance, 146, Stockton, decisioned Dave Cavazos, 144, Vallejo, in a six rounder.

In a scheduled four, Billy O'Neal, 143, stopped Sam Tercero, 141, in the second.

Reuben Smith, 126½, set some kind of a record for himself when he decisioned Augie Villa, 127½, in a rip-snorting battle at the Eastside Arena—pinch-hitting for the Olympic Auditorium, which is getting a $60,000 facelift.

Villa, in defeat, was given a big hand by the near-capacity crowd. And it was a split verdict, for Judge Charley Randolph tabbed Villa, 56-54. He was over-ruled by Referee Mushy Callahan, who scored it 57-53, and Judge Jimmy Wilson, 55½-54½, both for Smith.

Willie Lucero, 127, scored a 6-round TKO over Tony Reyes, 131, in the semi-final, scheduled for six.

The fours: Chubby Duez, 192, decisioned Gene Brown, 196; Carlos Gordin, 126, duked Lloyd Williams, 129; and Ed Barnhart, 143, decisioned Joe Peregrina, 143.

Mario Trigo, 147½, switch-hitting as usual, decisively vanquished Dalfus Brown, 145½, in the main event at Ocean Park Arena. Referee Frankie Van tabbed him, 57-53. In the semi-final, slated for six, Harvey Taylor, 168½, scored a 3-round kayo over Tiger McHenry, 175. The fours: George Woods, 205, KO (2) over Kid Percy, 205; Jesse Jones, 139½, decisioned Carlos Estrella, 141; and Henry Taylor, 174, decisioned Major Culbert, 168. The Major is now a buck private.

Charley Sawyer, 148½, startled absolutely nobody when he scored a 2-round knockout over a mystery-man named Bobby Morales, 153, allegedly from Zacatecas, Mexico, in the second round at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Sawyer dropped his opponent three times.

No, you won't find Morales' name in Nat Fleischer's record-book. I looked, real hard. But a demon of the press, named Cal Whorton of The Times, phoned Tucson, Arizona and discovered that Senor Morales had been knocked out in the third by Jimmy Morris on October 18.

That might not have been so bad, but this is the same Jimmy Morris who was knocked out by light-punching Willie Vaughn at Hollywood a few months ago. And it is probably unkind of me to mention that Vaughn, himself, was flattened by elderly Sal Perea in San Diego not so long ago, and thereby knocked off his state middleweight throne.

Sec Gonzalez, 125, was lucky to get a split-decision verdict over Billy Smith, 125½, in the six-round semi. The fours: Jimmy Demery, 162, drew with Eddie McGowan, 159½; George Woods, 204, drew with Gene Thompson, 189½, and Bobby Ramajo, 134½, decisioned Jimmy Gallegos, 135.

Jimmy Byrne, 224, scored ten straight knockouts in the Northwest and was a heavy favorite when he opposed ringwise, rugged J. D. Reed, 192, from Travis Air Base. But in the headliner at San Francisco's Civic Auditorium Reed outboxed the Portland lad most of the way, and most observers thought Byrne was lucky when Referee Frankie Carter, the sole judge, called it a draw. Carter's point score was 55-55.

The Bay City encountered its worst rainstorm of the season, helping to cut the gate down to $1,082 gross.

NuNu Randle, 133, of Richmond, upset the promoter's time table just before the main event by knocking out Jimmy Walker, 136, San Francisco, in the first round. The battle had been scheduled for six.

In another event slated for six, John Houston, 157, Oakland, knocked out Nate Spellman, 150, of Philadelphia, in the third.

The fours: Floyd Joyner, 190, dec. Pat Costello, 200; Rocky Burton, 172, drew with John Carroll, 173.

Dante Landucci, 61, prominent in San Francisco boxing circles 40 years ago, died in the Bay City. He was stricken ill in his downtown hotel room, and succumbed shortly after an emergency hospital ambulance crew arrived.

Landucci was known to most of the current boxing fans as Freddie Landers, as he was a busy referee under that name a few years ago. His principal business interest was as a restaurant owner.

Old timers describe Landucci as a clever lightweight, capable of going twenty rounds at a fast pace. He was much in demand as a sparring partner, and in this capacity he helped train such ring stalwarts as Jimmy Britt, Joe Gans and Stanley Ketchel.

There may be a way to halt the non-stop punching flurries of Larry Vasquez, San Francisco featherweight, but Freddie Bravo of Mexico was unable to solve this riddle. Vasquez scored a knockout in the eighth round of a scheduled ten at Richmond auditorium. Each battler scaled 128½.

Though Vasquez won every round, his opponent managed to stay unmarked till the third. Then the San Franciscan bloodied Freddie's nose. In the seventh Bravo was cut over the left eyelid.

Gross receipts were $1,360.

Leonard Gaines, 138½, Richmond, outpointed Ray Lewis, 139½, Oakland, in the six-round feature.

Four-round prelims: Eddie Ingram, 145, TKO'd Kenny Williams, 145, in 3; Cliff Robertson, 135, stopped Bob Rubi, 138 in 4; Candy McGilmore, 158½, KO'd Tony Norris, 155½ in 1.

With his big Olympic Auditorium undergoing extensive—and expensive—overhaul and repairs, Promoter Cal Eaton staged his shows at the Eastside Arena, Los Angeles, a small but well-equipped club operated by Claude Bridges.

The first Olympic-Eastside show saw Neal Rivers, 157, score an impressive 5-round TKO over Tombstone Smith, 155, with Rivers scoring a 7-count knockdown in the second, and two more in the fifth before Referee Dynamite Smith halted hostilities.

It was Neal's 18th win in 21 starts as a pro, and Norm Lockwood's colorful left-hooker is in line for plenty of work in these parts.

Joey Galez, 136, decisioned Jimmy Gallegos, 134, in the six-round semi. The fours: Jesse Jones, 141, decisioned Jerry Marcus, 143½; Joey Perez, 139, TKO (3) over Canuto Reyes, 138; and Henry Taylor, 173, out-slugged Lorenzo Highter, 172, in the thrilling opener.

Jose Luis Cotero, 128½, racked up his fourth straight Ocean Park victory at the expense of Billy Evans, 126½. The non-televised show drew a nice turnout. There were no knockdowns. In the six-round semi, Tiger McHenry, 177½, scored a one-round kayo over Freddie Milton, 174½.

The fours: Epi Martinez, 122, drew with Ray Mainero, 125½; Gene Thompson, 190, decisioned George Woods, 198½; and Bones Davis, 160, KO (3) over Joe Barnes, 165.

Up in Butte, Montana, Kenny Davis, Angeleno, 126¾, stopped Dave Rollins, 126½, Detroit, in the 7th round.

A DAY WITH DEMPSEY

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Dempsey's word was law in the ring. A boot with the heel brought an angry warning, and in most cases, one warning was enough. Dempsey moved around faster than most of the wrestlers.

And that was all—for one day. He would retire to the Congress hotel for six hours sleep and then another nerve-wracking schedule. After two weeks, he'd swing over to another part of the country.

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added six more to his run of 26 to bring it to 32. Robert also added the world's bantamweight title to his laurels. Another boy who captured a world's crown while remaining on a winning streak was the unbeaten Argentina Flyweight Pascual Perez who won 12 and boxed a draw to run his skein to 27 straight.

Last year's kayo king percentage-wise was lightweight Andy Escobar with 11 kayos in 12 fights. In 1954 Andy posted only 3 kayos in 8 fights. The new kayo king with a like 11 kayos in 12 fights is Pat McMurtry, a young heavyweight from Tacoma, Washington. Pat, who was an all-Marine champion before turning pro in '54, also tied with heavyweight Charlie Powell with 3 one-round kayos among the leaders. However, Russ Davis, a Reno, Nevada lightweight scored 6 one round kayos in winning 9 of 11 fights. Davis halted all six in a row.

As was the case in 1953 most of the real busy fighters did most of their scrapping either in foreign countries or in the hinderlands. Last year there were ten men who had 20 or more bouts. In 1954 only half that total were able to get in 20 or more fights, and only one Rocky Randell was a repeat from 1953.

Rocky had one fight in New York. All the rest were in Florida and other Southern states.

In 1953 there were seven boxers who were able to win 15 or more bouts this time the number was also seven, and again the only repeater was Randell. However of the lucky seven last year, Jed Black went into service, Kenny Lane moved into the main bout class and reached the top twenty of his class, scored 8 wins in 10 bouts, Bobby Bickle, won 9 of 12, Tony Anthony (handicaped by injuries) slipped to 5 wins in 7 bouts, while Al Andrews moving into top flight competition won 7 of 13, and Phil Edwards added seven more bouts without a loss before going into service in May.

1954's Lucky Seven hope that they can do as well in 1955.

Where only five men were able to hang up 10 kayos or better in 1953, twice that many were able to hack up that number, only Breshears was a repeater in this group.

An interesting fact shows that of the seven men who had 18 fights or better, all were in their first year and a half of pro battling, and only four were main bout fighters.

SEEN AND HEARD IN NEW YORK

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was warned several times by Referee Jack Watson. Despite the lusty slugging, neither fighter seemed in serious trouble at any time, and the only visible damage was a slight cut inflicted on Turner's left eyebrow in the second round. It was quickly repaired and did not bother Gil during the rest of the affair. Johnny Jenkins, 169½, Harlem, was tabbed with a kayo win in the semi-final when Elmo Lincoln, 178½, Newark, was not allowed to come out for the eighth and last round. Two preliminary sixes also were abbreviated, Bobby Snell, 141, Harlem, halting Len Miller, 142¼, West Side, at 2:28 of the third, and Tommy Bain, 129½, Indianapolis, stopping Walter Johnson, 135, Memphis, at the end of the third. In the only supporting bout to go its scheduled distance, Cortez Stewart, 172, Philadelphia, won from Don Lee, 175¾, Bronx, in four.

Although unable to floor his outclassed rival, Floyd Patterson, 166, Brooklyn, tossed such a vicious lacing into Willie Troy, 162, Washington, that the latter was near collapse at the end of the sixth, and on the recommendation of Dr. Vincent A. Nardiello, the one-sided affair was halted. Troy made a gallant stand for two rounds, and jolted the aggressive Patterson a couple of times with left hooks, but he had neither the speed nor the stamina to hold Floyd off very long. By the third round, Patterson's blazing two handed combinations had Willie in trouble, and it became only a matter of how long the Washingtonian would linger. He stood up gamely under Patterson's relentless bombing, but wilted steadily, and by the end of the sixth he was so close to exhaustion that he stumbled back to his corner on rubbery legs. Ludwig Lightburn, 136, British Honduras, outclassed Al Hunter, 132¾, Harlem, in the semi-final, scheduled for eight, and the massacre was halted at 2:59 of the fifth. In another eight, Charley (Sonny) Bunn, 149, Washington, was awarded a disputed decision over the veteran Irvin Steen, 146¾, San Diego, Cal. In fours, Norman Hutchins, 125, Trenton, N. J., won from Dave Walden, 128¼, Brooklyn; Jimmy Skinner, 156¾, West Side, outpointed Bruce Damphier, 161¾, Lyndhurst, N. J., and Victor Compo, 133½, East Side, decisioned Mickey Seebeck, 133, West Side. The first boxing card in the Garden in three weeks, and the last for another month, attracted an estimated crowd of 4,000 and a gross gate of $10,000. The show, incidentally, marked Patterson's last start as an eight-round main-eventer. Reaching his 20th birthday, he has become eligible for the ten-round distance.

The Eastern Parkway's reputation as the "House of Upsets" was maintained when Bobby Bell, 126½, Youngstown, O., hustled and bustled his way to a close decision over favored Rudy Garcia, 128, Los Angeles, in an exciting ten that bristled with action all the way. The stocky Garcia, who had shaped up so impressively in two previous Parkway victories over Carmelo Costa and Gene Smith, found Bell a much more difficult problem. Bobby, who also had beaten Costa at the Brooklyn sluggery, was too fast and industrious for the harder hitting but slower Californian, and time and again the Ohioan's swarming two-fisted outbursts crowded Garcia to the ropes. Rudy did some effective punching with lusty rights to Bell's head and body, but it wasn't enough to offset the faster and more sustained attacks of the busy Youngstowner. Dave Cochrane, 153¾, Buffalo, outpointed Ike Jenkins, 151½, Harlem, in the semi-final six. In another six, the visiting Israeli, David Oved, 131¾, who has done all his American campaigning at the Parkway, scored his tenth straight win there by whipping Tony DeCola, 132, Brooklyn. In fours, Ben Washington, 148, Brooklyn, won from Ralph Hackney, 150, Baisley Park; Cortez Stewart, 170½, Harrisburg, Pa., decisioned David Bondulich, 175, Argentina, and Norman Wright, 144¾, Harlem, stopped Itzy Wallach, 145, East Side, at 0:28 of the second.

Instead of keeping operations at long range, and making the most of his advantages in speed, skill and sharper hitting, Hector Constance, 149½, Trinidad, allowed himself to be enveigled into a close-quarters affair with awkward Johnny Brown, 146½, Chicago, and the result was a draw in a disappointingly dull ten at St. Nicholas Arena. The bout was gruelling enough for the fighters, but unexciting for the viewers, who didn't care for the overabundance of infighting. In the semi-final, scheduled for eight but cut to four because of TV time, Joe Lissy, 149½, Yorkville, drew with Henry Winchman, 146¾, East Side. With advantages in height and reach as well as weight, Mel Collins, 147½, Trenton, N. J., recovered from a shaky beginning to edge out Ernie Williams, 140½, Washington, D. C., in a lively six. Three fours were shortened by kayos, Bobby Shell, 144, West Side, winning from Bobby Nelson, 144½, West Side, when the referee called a halt at the end of the second; Arnold DiMozio, 140, Paterson, N. J., eliminating Juan Suarez, 135½, Harlem, at 1:54 of the fourth, and Eddie Lynch, 151, West Side, flattening Tony Pannone, 152½, Fort Lee, N. J., so completely with a right to the jaw at 2:58 of the first that it was several minutes before Pannone could be revived.

POST-SCRIPTS. . . . If North American bantam champion Raton Macias is interested in a jaunt to Europe, he can grab himself a good payday by hopping over to Paris and tangling with Hilaire Pratesi, colorful young Frenchman. Enveigling Macias away from his beloved Mexico City is a difficult problem, however. No "outside" promoter has been able to do it since the young man turned profesional a few years ago. Macias not only is a popular attraction in his home town, but the altitude gives him a decided advantage over a visiting opponent. Raton is accustomed to the rarified atmosphere of the mile-high Mexican capital, whereas a stranger from the lowlands finds it a tough handicap. We're curious to know just how effective Macias would be operating nearer to sea-level. Eventually, he may have to make some "concessions" if he hopes to get a crack at Robert Cohen and the world title, and he could advance his bid considerably by invading Cohen's stamping grounds, Paris, and licking France's No. 2 bantam, Pratesi.

Billy McNeece has learned there are some things in this world tougher than a red-headed Irishman. A few days after slam-banging his way to a decision over Bobby Dykes at Eastern Parkway, McNeece matched himself and his automobile with a telegraph pole on Long Island. It was a quick and unanimous defeat. Billy messed up the car, landed himself in a hospital, and had to postpone a fight with Paddy Young at the Parkway.

Joe Walker, New Jersey State Athletic Commissioner, finally has some boxing to be commissioner of. Local sportsmen, trying to revive the sport in Trenton, are experimenting on a twice-a-month basis. They seem encouraged by the modest results of their first two shows in the Arena.

Packey O'Gatty, who has done well with his physical and athletic instruction courses since he quit the ring in the mid-'20s, is really moving up with the elite. One of his current clients is Winthrop, 6-year-old son of "Bobo" Rockefeller, and Packey tells us the youngster is a real boxing "natural."

THE RING QUESTION BOX

Franklin Summerlin, San Francisco, Cal.

Q—Was Frankie Neil of California ever recognized universally as world featherweight champion?

A—No, he was a bamtam. When he defeated Harry Forbes, knocking him out in the second round at Oakland, on August 13, 1903, he gained the world bamtamweight crown. The following year, on October 17, 1904, he lost the crown in a twenty round battle with Joe Bowker in London.

Artie Manners, Buffalo, N. Y.

Q—If a boxer's laces become loose either on the gloves or the shoes, and the referee halts the fight to tie the laces, is the time during which this is done taken out of the three minutes allotted to each round?

A—Yes. The referee calls time out and the official timer obeys the order.

Charles Horton, New Orleans, La.

Q—Does England have a larger tax on the gate receipts of a fight than we have in our country? What state or country has the largest?

A—England now has. Its thirty-one percent tax is higher than any in the States. Until the U. S. Government recently reduced the Federal tax on amusements to ten percent, Baltimore had the largest tax—forty percent but now England shades that city by one percent.

RAY-RAY FOR RAY!

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Lou Handler, Detroit referee, who sat at the ringside, said, "Robinson was much better than I had expected. He still is a great finisher. There is enough of the old class left in him to warrant giving him a lot of consideration for that most difficult effort, a ring comeback."

Tom Briscoe, another Detroit referee, said that he had been impressed, and had seen "still a lot of Ray's former class."

Lou Newman, local ring authority, was impressed, as were all other spectators, with Robinson's agility and foot work.

Rindone was not one of Robinson's ardent boosters. He said, "Robinson should not have knocked me out. I was silly to allow a guy to make me drop my plan and do something I had no right to do.

"Before the sixth round, this here Bill Matney, secretary of the Michigan Boxing Commission, came to my corner and said I had to speed up the fight. I did what he asked, and got nailed.

"Even so, I was up before the count of ten, but the referee grabbed me and insisted I had been counted out."

Be that as it may, Rindone did not win a round, and at the time of the knockout was running a bad second.

Robinson fought with caution. He was effective with his left, but his right hand was away off. Rindone's system of protecting his head with both arms made a problem for Ray, who tried to break down the guard with his left and failing, began to try with his right, and missed.

Rindone shook Ray with a right to the jaw in the second. Then Ray left hooked Joe and Rindone's knees sagged. However, Robinson went right back to boxing with caution.

In the fifth round, Rindone bloodied Ray's nose, and Ray did not like this. The right hand smash infuriated Robinson, and this led up to the sixth round finale.

It was Robinson's second sixth round knockout of Rindone. He had done it in October 1950.

Ray has fought 137 bouts, with 132 victories, three defeats and two draws.

A successful comeback by Robinson would inject much needed new interest in the middleweight situation in particular and boxing in general.

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good show, but, unfortunately, Johnny Kostas, 239, the Grecian foot expert, ended up a casuality.

Bounced on his head by Fred Atkins, 25, of Australia, who was tagged-teamed with Sir Alan Garfield, 241, London, Eng., in a match against Kostas and Bronko Nagurski, 253, International Falls, Minn., Johnny failed to respond for many minutes.

The Greek with the flying feet was a victim of a piledriver administered by Atkins. Such a hold is bad and very unnecessary in wrestling, thinks Referee French Champagne. He awarded the tag team encounter to Kostas and Nagurski on a disqualification. The Bronk took the first fall, pinning the English lord in 12 minutes. The rough boys evened up the score nine minutes later when Atkins pinned the Nag. Then came the unfortunate disqualification.

The crowd was rather disappointed in the semi wind-up which saw Jack Witzig, 228, Eau Claire, thrown for a loss by Jack Lesek, 232, Lincoln, Neb., in 24.40 minutes of furious wrestling. A return match between this pair seems more than likely.

Both boys are favorites in this city. Pesek, however, lost his temper during the bout, and started to use tactics slightly out of the rule book. However, rules or not rules, his body slam finally finished the favored Witzig who, in many local fans' opinion, will someday be the wrestling champion of the world.

The special event afforded a smart match between Gregory Jargue, 227, of Spain, and Nick Roberts, 245, of Tampa, Fla. The boys wrestled to a draw in a match which kept the fans on their toes.

In the opener, Dick Afflis, 245, tackle for the Green Bay Packers and a newcomer to a Winnipeg ring, had little trouble in disposing of Stan Myslajek, 251, Minneapolis. The latter seems to be slipping. The time was 12.40.

BEWARE THE "SET-UP"!

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Waxman's vacation.

Along about that time Billy Gibson, manager of Benny Leonard and Gene Tunney, had in tow a younster who was hotter than a four-alarm blaze. The kid, Johnny Grosso of Mount Vernon, N. Y., shaped up as a potential Jack Dempsey, and he was roaring through the heavyweight ranks with all the spectacular gusto of the old Manassa Mauler. One night the veteran Italian Jack Herman was tossed in with Grosso in Yonkers. No one expected Herman to last more than a round or two. But the old guy still had some fight left in him, and he used it to wreck Grosso, flooring the youngster no less than seventeen times before stopping him in the seventh round.

A couple of years later Al Singer was the reigning idol of New York's Ghetto. A brilliant boxer and snappy puncher, Singer had taken his place in the royal line that had produced Benny Leonard, Sid Terris and Ruby Goldstein. The kid was well on his way to the world lightweight title when he stepped into Madison Square Garden for another apparently easy win. His opponent was Ignacio Fernandez, an aggressive but not too dangerous Filipino. At least, he didn't figure to be dangerous, but in the third round he tossed a stunning shock into the assembled gathering by knocking Singer flat.

LEW BURSTON, the one-man Foreign department, Travelers' Aid Society and Domestic Relations Court of the International Boxing Club, still shudders when he thinks of a "favor" his partner, Jimmy Bronson, did for the late Jess McMahon in 1930. Burston, long a specialist in international productions, was then handling the Belgian middleweight; Rene DeVos.

Anthony J. Drexel-Biddle, Jr., millionaire socialite and career diplomat, was quite a boxing fan and became so enthused with DeVos that he bought half the contract from Burston, and engaged Bronson to represent him.

Burston had to hop over to Europe on other business, and while he was away Bronson looked after DeVos' bookings.

McMahon was promoting at the Commonwealth Club in Harlem, and things weren't going too well with him. He contacted Bronson. Would Jim do him a favor and let him have DeVos? It would mean a lot to him if he could show a big-name fighter like Rene. He had only a small club, of course, and couldn't pay the sort of money DeVos had been picking up in Madison Square Garden and the other major arenas around the country, but the opponent wouldn't be much, and the bout just a workout for Rene.

The opponent McMahon had in mind was a newcomer from Puerto Rico named Angel Clivelle, who had made a couple of good showings at the Commonwealth. Clivelle was a good puncher, but little more than a crude novice in boxing, and a cagey, ringwise veteran like DeVos shouldn't have any trouble with him.

So the match was set, and the "favor" to McMahon turned out to be a disaster for DeVos. Clivelle came out winging at the opening bell, and hardly before DeVos had time to put up his hands he was spread out on the canvas for the full count.

One could ramble on for pages and pages with reminiscences of startling "upsets" in the ring. The records are cluttered with them.

A sock on the chin has no conscience and it certainly is no respecter of rank or caste.

Strange things do happen in this trade called the fight racket.

Set-ups?

Often enough, the softest set-up is the guy who thinks the other one is.

100 Greatest Sports Stories

GROSOET and Dunlop have turned out an excellent book, "100 Greatest Sports Heroes" by Mac Davis. The book is highly illustrated and makes a fine addition to any sports library. Every branch of sports is covered, with the heroes of each dramatically portrayed. Samuel Nielsen has applied his experience in giving the readers drawings that capture the qualities that made each of those portrayed the great athlete he was.

RATINGS

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Manuel Munoz decisioned Pedro Pina, 10.

Glen Flanagan kayoed Billy Pinkus, 5. Jimmy Soo kayoed Jimmy DeMura, 7. Art Ramponi kayoed Buddy Evatt, 3. Juanito Martinez outpointed Carlos Barragan, 10.

Joe Brown lost to welterweight Tony Armantros, 6. George Monroe outpointed Rocky Sullivan, 10. Rocky beat Izzy Angelo, 6. Tony Puelo drew with Aldo Menti, 6.

Nat Jackson kayoed Dave Cheatum, 1. Leo Alonzo kayoed Ned Wilson, 9. Sonny Amoroso defeated Tommy Manaois, 10.

Johnny Guberia outscored Paul Jorgensen, 10. Tony Boraccio beat Bernie Bibbs, 6. Ray Portilla defeated Tony Puelo, 8.

Dexter Conners defeated Benny Uhl, 8. Norman Johnson kayoed Dick Armstrong, 2. Jake Josato outpointed Boland Abrams, 8.

Jimmy Grow stopped Teddy Hall, 10. Papelero Sanchez won from Jose Arguelles, 6. Tony Celano and Norman Fletcher drew, 6.

Eli Leggett outscored Ronnie Stribling, 8. Sammy Fortuno kayoed Tommy Baker, 5. Rip Russell and Chico Maldonado drew, 6.

Lucky Williams decisioned Bobby Davis, 6. David Oved defeated Tony DeCola, 6. Benny Artist decisioned Claude Norwood, 6.

José Quesada defeated Joey Galez, 6. Fidel Lucero outscored Pascual Jimenez, 8. Doug Ellwood kayoed Don Adams, 2.

Jimmy Savala outpunched Lou Castillo, 6. Ray Riojas kayoed Mike Turcotte, 1. Eddie Crawford outscored Stan Kursa, 8.

Hank Lujon outscrambled Paul Felix, 6. Joe Durso whipped Bobby Kilburn, 6. Charlie Cummings defeated Jimmy Armstrong, 8.

Don Jordan outpointed Lauro Salas, 12. Rocky Randell outpointed Tony Celano, 10. European titleholder Duilio Loi defeated Glen Flanagan, 10. Simon Perillat held to draw by Morlay Kamara, 10. Jules Touan kayoed Hanania Bohbot, 6. Lahouari Godih halted Robert DiMayo, 3.

Saad Moussa outfought Francis Bonnardel, 10. Bonnardel came back to edge out Jose Galiana, 10. Nello Barbardoro decisioned Theo Nollet, 10. Nollet also was kayoed by Edouard Ptak, 10. Mario Cicarelli outslugged Rene Weissmann, 10. Frankie Johnson whipped Johnny Butterworth, 12. Nat Jackson decisioned Harry Clay, 6. L. C. Morgan halted Chuck Adkins, 2.

Eli Leggett bested Stan Kursa, 6. Charley Cummings scored over Bobby Davis, 6. Rudi Langer whipped Auguste Caulet, 8. Joe Lopes kayoed Morris Leviege, 5. Jimmy Grow stopped Clarence Bruce, 3. Dexter Connors kayoed Billy Jones, 7. Masahj Akivama defeated Flash Elorde, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Jackie Trillana defeated Alfredo Barretto, 10. Rudy Garcia halted Gene Smith, 6, but was upset by Bobby Bell, 10. Victor Quijano bested Ubaldo Ramirez, 10.

Roy Ankarah was stopped by Bantamweight champion Robert Cohen, 4. (non-title). Pedro Tesis defeated Miguel Berrios, 10. Jose Cotero halted Augie Villa, 6.

Lauro Salas kayoed Sonny Strauss, 4, and Mickey Zielke, 6. Sammy Medina whipped Leslie Thompson, 8.

Little Cesar whipped Villeza Villar, 8. Villar beat Tamio Sasaki, 8. Frankie Sodano defeated Charlie Slaughter, 8. Joe Boland decisioned Ernest Ramos, 8.

Cesar Morales defeated Gergorio Santos, 8, and kayoed Joe Ambrosio, 6. Reuben Smith decisioned Augie Villa, 10.

Pepe Montes halted Mario Mantecon, 4. Auburn Copeland defeated Al Tisi, 8, and Arthur Portley, 8. Emil Bill Tinde stopped Russell Sands, 9.

Bobby Courchesne defeated Charlie McGarrity, 10. Gil Valarade lost to bantamweight Jesse Mongia, 10.

Roberto Bolanos outscored Ezequiel Uribe, 10. Tommy Bain beat lightweight Walter Johnson, 6, then stopped him in 3. Joey Trujillo defeated Luke Sandoval, 10.

Tony Boraccio kayoed Sherman Nelson, 5. Bobby Scanlon stopped Guadalupe Robledo, 5. Sec Gonzales defeated Billy Smith, 6.

Leo Tolentino kayoed Stan Davis, 3. Antonio Ramirez kayoed Enrique Espinosa, 1. Gaby Paliotti defeated Les Bohles, 6. Epi Martinez decisioned Ray Mainero, 6. Willie Lucero stopped Tony Reyes, 6.

Louis Poncy whipped Jesus Rubio, 10. Marcel Ranvial outpunched Daniel Cobe, 10. Freddie Reardon whipped Glyn Evans, 8. Aldo Pravisani won from Jacques Loit, 10. Daniel Desmeules stopped Jacques Lesseine, 4. Gaby Paliotti kayoed Ray Powell, 3. Gerry Simpson halted Calvin Leigh, 5.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World champion Robert Cohen stopped featherweight Roy Ankarah, 4. (non-title).

French champion Andre Valignat retained his crown by defeating Emile Chemama, 15.

Ernie Martinez kayoed Gil Slater, 5. Memo Sanchez kayoed Americo Rivera, 6.

Raul Solis kayoed Lucio Torres, 5. Jesse Mongia outscored featherweight Gil Velarade, 10.

Ernesto Parra outpointed Kid Campeche, 10. Beto Couary decisioned Roy Hernandez, 10.

Bert Gonzales kayoed Ray Ming Chan, 4. Don Razali stopped Thep Vithool, 4.

Miguel Estiwada whipped Epi Duran, 8. Raton Robles bested Mario Ibarra, 10, but lost to Agustin Campos, 10.

Rudy Coronado won on a disqualification over Luis Villa, 6. Epi Martinez whipped Louis Espinosa, 6.

Gil Geekie kayoed Wal Marcel, 2. Luis Miranda defeated Engodo de Campeche, 8. Cubanito Gonzalez kayoed Baby Riverita, 1, and Delfin Gamboa, 3.

Johnny Alcocer kayoed Kid Tepic, 5. Baby Orozco defeated Monito Flores, 6. Tony Salazar drew with Joe Canto, 6. Baby Valencia kayoed Baby Mendez, 5.

Pierre Cossemyns whipped Lim Kee Chan, 10. Emile Chemama whipped Jean Kidy, 10. Robert Mouginot drew with Joseph Dionisio, 10.

Ola (Battling) Enoch whipped Mickey O'Sullivan, 8, and stopped Eddie McCormick, 4. South African Champion Willie Toweel stopped flyweight Gerry Jooste, 5. French Champion Andre Valignat outpointed Robert Meunier, 10. Billy Peacock stopped flyweight Keeny Teran, 7.

FLYWEIGHTS

Dai Dower stopped Willibald Koch, 3.

Danny Kid kayoed Vince Blake, 7.

Cunning Andy outpointed Young Brown, 10. Ramon Cruz outscored Jorge Morales, 10, and drew with Mario de Leon, 10.

Mario kayoed Lazaro Uribe, 10. Little Brown kayoed Speedy La Mallorca, 3.

Nando Carvajal decisioned Negro Medina, 6. Plaza Boy beat Max Morgan, 6. Max also lost to Flash Salvador, 6.

Bino Manalo won over Mardo Mannel, 6. Vic Campo kayoed Speedy Maloy, 4.

Tanny Campo retained his Orient title by beating Hiroyuki Tezaki, 12. Stan Sobolak polished off Jacques Dugre, 9. Keeny Teran was halted by bantamweight Billy Peacock, 7.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY

By J. A. Tree

GUSTAV SCHOLZ, and WILLI HOEPNER could, in my opinion, be put forward for the title of "FIGHTER OF THE YEAR IN GERMANY" but after careful consideration I take the Berliner, SCHOLZ. Born on April 12, 1930, SCHOLZ has taken part in 56 professional fights since joining the paid ranks in 1948. He became welter champion on May 20, 1951 and held it until vacating it to become a middle in November 1952. He has never had a decision given against him having won all his contests with the exception of two which were drawn. The two boys to share points with SCHOLZ were GUNTER PREGLA and CLAUDE MILAZZO and both were beaten by the German in return bouts.

Promoter, JOACHIM GOTTERT and WALTER ENGLERT featured GUSTAV SCHOLZ as one of the main contestants in five of their shows this year. He beat WIM SNOEK, AL ALLOTEY, EMIL DELMINE and WILLI ARMSTRONG, drew and outpointed CLAUDE MILAZZO. During this busy season in Germany SCHOLZ found time to go to America and outscore AL ANDREWS over ten rounds.

WILLI HOEPNER, German cruiserweight champion, runs SCHOLZ to a close second, having won his eight fights this year and having regained his lost German title which he held in 1951. Born in 1923, southpaw HOEPNER has had 47 fights winning 42, losing 4 and drawing one. Five of these were championship bouts and 30 have been won inside the distance. HOEPNER is now the official challenger for fellow German HECHT'S European title and they have been instructed to meet before March next year and I expect HOEPNER to win.

MAX RESCH (Middle) HORST NICHE (cruiser) and ERNST ZETZMANN (welterweight) are all undefeated in ten contests this year and are among the best and most prominent boxers in Germany today.

HEINZ NEUHAUS, European and German heavyweight champion, brilliant year was spoiled by a disputed draw against REX LAYNE in December. He had previously beaten PIET WILDE, EGARDO ROMERO, DAN BUCCERONI and defended his European title successfully against KURT SCHIEGL.

GERHARD HECHT, European cruiserweight champion, got away to a bad start this year being KOed in two rounds in a heavy contest against JOHNNY WILLIAMS. He made amends, however, outpointing JACQUES HAIRABEDIAN in Hamburg during April to win the European title. HECHT then defended his crown successfully against WIM SNOEK and beat ART HENRI and the Canadian champion YVON DURELLE in international contests.

HANS STRETZ, German middle champion had a good year with the exception of a surprisingly and disastrous defeat at the hands of CLAIR REDMOND. He was KOed in one round. A trip to America gave him a points win over AL ANDREWS and in Germany he beat such prominents as JAN HAGENAAR, AL MOBLEY, RALPH SCOTT and GASTON MEULENBROUCH. EMIL DELMINE held STRETZ to a draw.

Several interesting bouts were staged during the last two weeks of the old year. At Essen, Saphir (Frieburg) 52 kilo, lost on points to Limbach, 54; Emil Kock, (Wuppertal), 66 kilo, won in 6 from Alois Brand, (Oberhausen). Leo Starosch, (Essen), 71 kilo, lost in 8 to K. M. Bucher, (Essen), Hans Huber, (Frieberg), 78 kilo, lost in 8 to Heinz Sachs, (Krefeld) and Schrollkamp, drew in 4 with Buerfreund, (Frieberg).

In Paris, Alois Brand (Oberhausen), lost in 10 to Herbillion of France and Gerd Mueller of Cologne won by a kayo in 6 over Robert Jacques.

In St. Nazarre, Gunter Balzer of Celel, was stopped by Charles Colin in 10 and Willibald Koch, (Weisbaden), bantam champion, was halted by Chemmema in four. He also lost on points to Roberto Spina.

BOXING NEWS
EDMONTON, ALTA., CANADA,

By Thomas V. Deugau

GEORGE DUNN, former highly rated lightweight contender, made his comeback very convincing by scoring an 8 round knockout over EARLE McDONALD of Regina and Vancouver. This was the main event on a JACK BERRY card.

Dunn, a clever boxer, turned fighter with vengeance. Dunn, 134, age 29, was in command from the opening bell, although McDonald, 140, age 25, gave the 800 fans the opportunity to see why he had marked up a high winning streak before this match.

The pattern of the bout was set midway in the 2nd round when Dunn caught McDonald with a fast hard right hand that staggered the young mitt-slinger.

From then on Dunn forced the fight and in the 5th McDonald caught a zinging left hook that floored him for an 8 count. Earle was still in the picture however and was fighting back at the bell.

In the 6th George caught Earle along the ropes again and this time toppled him face forward—the result of a powerful right uppercut by Dunn. Earle took the 8 count and had to hold on until the bell sounded.

Dunn scored again in the 7th round with a left hook that sent McDonald down for another 8 second breather.

In the 8th round Dunn let loose a barrage of punches that landed McDonald on the canvass. Referee Tom Quilley took a quick look at McDonald and raised Dunn's hand in the victory ritual.

JACKIE HEADON, 155, got his revenge over TUPPY TYLER, 151, by a TKO, when Referee JOHNNY SMITH stopped the bout in the 7th round.

FLOYD HAYS, 134, from Calgary, impressed the fans when he snapped Edmonton's KENNY ANDERSON'S, 140, win streak at four straight.

ROGER ZASS, 132, EDMONTON, won a 4 round split verdict over MURRAY VINJE, 134, Calgary.

JERSEY JOE EDWARDS, 119, won a 4 round curtain-raiser over JUNIOR McCOMB, 129, Calgary.

THE CANADIAN BOXING FEDERATION has ruled that the Canadian Welterweight Title held by CLAUDE FORTIN of MONTREAL is now vacant due to the fact that Fortin did not resume training after the Federation had given him 60 days to defend his title!

GEORGE DUNN, EDMONTON and JOHNNY SALKELD, CALGARY are considered outstanding contenders for the vacant Welter Title.

MILES PALMER, former boxing and football star, was named chairman of the Edmonton Boxing & Wrestling Commission for 1955 at the organization's annual inaugural meeting on Monday, Jan. 3, 1955.

Palmer succeeds Dr. Les Williamson who was reappointed as the commission's official medical examiner.

Two new members J. H. MAIR and WALLY BEAUMONT took places on the board. Other members of the 7 man commission are:—JAMES BILL, KEN LAWSON and R. G. McDIARMAID.

ALDERMAN CHARLES SIMMONDS was named vice-chairman and SPUD MURPHY was reappointed as secretary.

THE RING QUESTION BOX

Bill Duffield, Washington, D. C.

Q—I enjoy the Ring articles. No other sports publication has such excellent stories monthly, and so well written. How about giving us a series on old time New York gymnasiums and fight clubs—Bill Brown's, Long Acre, etc.?

A—Merely because fighters trained there hardly warrants a series of feature articles on old-time gyms (Grupp's, Brown's, Bothner's, etc.). . . . Those gyms are occasionally mentioned in comments on fighters of yesteryear, or when and if warranted by timely news developments. For instance, when the Uptown Gym, successor to Grupp's in West 116th Street, finally closed down the old shop and moved further uptown in Harlem, I had a piece about it, and the background of Grupp's, about a year and a half ago in my New York column. . . . I also made reference to the gym four or five months ago in commenting on Billy's 75th birthday. . . . Brown's, at the corner of 6th Avenue and 23rd Street, also comes in for frequent mentions as the scene of old-time fights. . . . True, we haven't had occasion to speak of Frankie Fleming very often, but Charley Weinert's name gets into print quite regularly in yarns on old heavyweights.

Martin Himmell, San Francisco, Cal.

Q—What is the best way to develop one's stamina? I am short-winded after I box two or three rounds.

A—Most pros depend on long walks, hikes which combine short sprints, tree climbing and running. Try a two-mile run three times a week in which you do a little running, then jog along at a slow pace, then walk briskly. Occasionally stop and rest for a few minutes. Then continue as before. There is nothing better to develop your lung power than outdoor exercises such as above mentioned.

Johnny Sarbour, Milwaukee, Wis.

Q—Was Gene Tunney a sharp hitter as well as a clever boxer?

A—He possessed both qualities. He was a very clever boxer and a good sharp hitter. Harry Greb and Jack Dempsey were stung by Gene's blows. Gene during his prime was a much underrated fighter. As the years go on, his ability is being more and more recognized.

Walter E. Peter, Monrovia, Cal.

Q—How many times did Schmeling and Louis fight? Were both for the title?

A—They fought twice. Louis was knocked out by Max on June 19, 1936 in the twelfth round in a non-title bout and he knocked out Schmeling in the first round of a title contest on June 22, 1938.

Edmund W. Hoffman, Buffalo, N. Y.

Q—Who refereed the Sharkey-Fitzsimmons fight in California? Was the official related to Tom Sharkey.

A—The referee was Wyatt Earp. He was not related to Tom. His decision was severely criticized and that's why, apparently, your friend says the verdict was not fair. Earp ruled that Sharkey was fouled in the eighth round and disqualified Fitzsimmons. Yes, Earp was a U. S. Marshal and you will find an interesting story of his career, in a book called "Wyatt Earp", published several years ago.

Richard L. Reed, Indianapolis, Ind.

Q—What was the name of the fighter who was stopped by Chuck Davey one or two contests before Chuck fought Kid Gavalan?

A—It was a bout in Cleveland on the Ed Bang Christmas Fund Show, December 10, 1952 in which Chuck stopped Fitzie Pruden in the third round.

Artie Suffield, Wichita, Kansas.

Q—Is there a definite rule in all states on recording the round in which a fight is stopped. For example, if a fighter has a cut above the eye that looks dangerous and the referee halts the bout between the seventh and eighth rounds, how is this recorded, according to boxing rules?

A—It all depends on the state where the fight took place. In some states it is tabled as the round just ended. In others, especially most N. B. A. states, it is recorded as the round which would follow the rest period. In New York, it would be the seventh round. In most other states, the eighth. There is no national rule. Each state has its own.

Harold Best, Miami, Florida.

Q—Are the Dundee brothers who run boxing in the Miami Beach Auditorium brothers of the famous fighters who held world championships in the welterweight and middleweight division, Joe and Vince Dundee?

A—No. They are not related.

Charles Heppleworth, Houston, Texas.

Q—Must a championship fight be arranged for fifteen or more rounds?

A—No, not necessarily. We recently had Jimmy Carruthers box Chamrern Songkitrat in Thailand in a world bantam title match scheduled for only 12 rounds. In all states in our country if a state is a member of the National Boxing Association or in any of its affiliates the rules stipulate that a championship fight must be at 15 rounds. In elimination bouts it is usual to have such signed at 12 rounds. In the Far East, many championship bouts, though not for world titles, are scheduled for twelve rounds.

Art Schulman, Tacoma, Wash.

Q—Did Harry Kid Matthews ever hold a world title? How about his fight with Rocky Marciano?

A—No. He never fought for a world crown. When he fought Rocky, the latter had not yet won the crown. In fact, it was the quick knockout of Matthews that gained for Rocky the September match with Jersey Joe Walcott in which Marciano scored a knockout in the thirteenth round and won the world championship.

Harriet Scofield, Hawaii.

Q—Why do you continue to refer to Bobo Olson as the Hawaiian? He has not lived here for many years.

A—In sports writing we usually select the birth place of an athlete and not where he now lives. Thus, in Bobo's case, we refer to him as Hawaiian-born Californian. As you know, Olson's father is a Swede and mother, part Portuguese and he was born in Hawaii. Carnera did almost all his fighting in the States, lived here for a long time, yet we never referred to him as the American. He was always called the Italian Goliath.

Frank Muscato, Detroit, Mich.

Q—Was it always the custom to have a knockdown timer count off the seconds when a fighter was on the canvas?

A—No. Prior to the adoption of the Walker Law in New York, it was customary for the referee to do the counting by himself. Now in all states where boxing is legalized, a knockdown timer or the timekeeper starts the count and aids the referee who usually picks up the count at four after shooing the fighter who has scored the knockdown to a neutral corner.

Charlotte Simpson, Bangor, Maine.

Q—I have been watching boxing shows on television and I often have heard the announcer say: "For this bout, the usual 8 ounce gloves have been waived."

What does that mean in boxing parlance? I'm only a girl, you know, and am not too familiar with the sport, though I like it immensely, like to watch it on TV and above all, take a keen interest in the fine boxing stories your publication has in each issue.

A—Well, Charlotte, thanks for the praise. We like readers like you. As for your query, in all states under N. B. A. rules and even in New York which is not a member, eight ounce gloves are used as a protective measure against injuries. But when a championship match is staged in New York and California, for example, that regulation is waived and 6 ounce gloves are permitted to be used. Some states permit the use of six and five ounce gloves even in non-championship fights when a request is made by the fighters and approval is granted by the commission.

John McDonald, Akron, Ohio.

Q—My friends and I had a dispute regarding quick knockouts listed in The Ring Record Book. The discussion centered around statements that there cannot be an eleven seconds knockout. What do you say?

A—Our record book speaks for itself. The eleven seconds listed, one of which took place in your city, as you know, in May, is the official time given by the time keeper and the commission. If two men rush out of their respective corners, and the first blow tossed catches one of the boxers in a vital spot, such as the point of the jaw, he can be dropped in the first second and then be counted out. Why not? Have you any definite proof that the time keeper in such record fights was wrong?

SPOKANE NEWS
By Jack Powers

AFTER a two months blackout, Promoter Gus Cozza opened Spokane's new and beautiful Coliseum with a great attraction that turned out to be an even greater battle. Spokane's own Bangin' Bobby Woods lost a decision but picked up 7,000 friends when that many turned out to see the 20-year-old Northwest lightweight champion battle cagey veteran Champion Sandy Saddler every inch of ten sizzling rounds. The fans stood and cheered as Woods went into the final round with a one point margin on two of the judges score cards, but a real garrison finish by Saddler pulled it out of the fire in the final heat. The tally sheet showed $21,540 in the box office.

In 8 Gene Brixen, Sand Point, Idaho, heavyweight, dropped a split decision to Amos Lincoln of Portland, 180; Mickey Rhodes decisioned Ritchie Reed of Tacoma in a Welterweight six rounder; in the four round opener Carl Brunson, Tacoma, 140, stopped Frankie Armenta, 140, Spokane, in two; Baby Aguilar, Spokane lightweight, lost a close decision to Bat Nelson, 135, Portland, in a six rounder.

Kennewick Club, dark since late fall, announced pro cards will be resumed there in January with yours truly as matchmaker and plan twice monthly indoor shows until spring and then the new modern baseball park for several outdoor shows next summer. . . . Probably headliners of opening Kennewick show in January are Baby Aguilar, in a rematch with Bat Nelson or pitted against Boise's Jimmy Grow, both of whom have made hits at that arena.

Old timer fighter Cecil Jordan is handling the local gym now with about twenty boys working daily and the balance of the winter season looks considerably more active.

A word about the new Spokane Coliseum—it is one of the most modern and beautifully constructed sheds of its kind I've ever seen—will seat about 7,500 for fights. This new auditorium should give boxing a shot in the arm locally and with Gus Cozza, a live wire promoter, it may house some national attractions, especially next spring when outgoing national TV is a possibility.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

A NEW year and professional boxing bowed in a Topeka's Municipal Auditorium with a gathering of 1,800 paying customers on hand to see Bobby Bickle, 141½, Topeka punch out a decision over Chuck Foster, 147½, the game veteran from Rulo, Nebraska in a grueling, bloody ten rounder.

Judge Everette Carlson voted for Bickle (97-90). Frank Grimm voted the Bickle ticket (98-95) and referee split the ticket (97-97).

Billy Sudduth, 150, Topeka, razor-sharp, knocked out Jimmy Smith, 158, Los Angeles in 1:44 of the second round. Bobby Spaeth, 183, recently discharged from the Navy and rusty after a three-year lay-off knocked out Whitey Peterson, 193, in the fourth round.

Irish Benny Smith, 145, Hoisington drew with Marvin Smith, 134, Wichita four rounds. Freddy McKay, 165, knocked out Rocky Monroe, 175, Wichita in the first.

Earnie Durando's power punching failed to make much of a dent on Jesse Turner, St. Louis middleweight, before 4,200 fans at Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium in a bloody ten rounder, which saw the Bayonne middleweight win by a split decision.

Referee Ray Sisom cast the lone vote for Turner, giving him a 51-49 margin. Judge Joe Alexander scored it 52-48 for Durando and judge Frank Brown gave Durando the nod, 53-47.

This was Turner's second hairline loss at Kansas City. Last month he dropped a unanimous but disputed decision to Willie Troy.

Red Martinez, 118, Denver scored a t. k. o. over Gil Slater, 121, Chicago, 2:16 fifth round.

Tommy Swann, 157, Chicago decisioned Leroy Green, 157, Kansas City. Joey Reynolds, 139, St. Louis decisioned Frank Smith, 143, Cincinnati. Jesse Brown, 188, St. Louis, knocked out James Peace, 181, Chicago, 1:53, first round.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Eddie Beck

WHEN the local boxing commission refused to issue Ralph Zanelli, 39 year old welterweight, a license to resume his boxing career, Zanelli took his case to the supreme court.

George (Curly) Monroe, Worcester firecracker, scored another easy victory at the Arcadia. His victim was Rocky Sullivan, of Dorchester, a ten round decision.

Pete Adams, Newark, N. J., middleweight, won a ten rounds decision over Rocky Tomasello. Al Wilson, New Jersey welterweight, kayoed Jimmy Champagne, Philadelphia, in one round.

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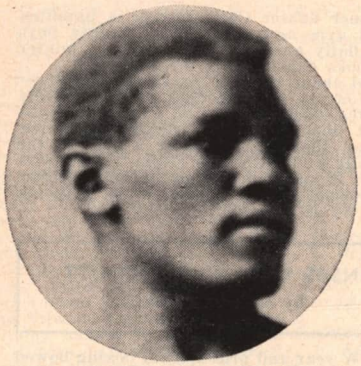

PETER JACKSON

READING of the Hall of Fame of Pugilism, I was sincerely happy to know that a dream has finally come true. Better late than never.

I live in Goshen, New York, where we have another Hall of Fame, that for trotters and pacers. This also is a wonderful thing for sports and is growing yearly.

I have bought "The Ring" magazine since 1923 and have every copy and cherish the ownership of each. I value these more so than anything else I possess in the way of boxing books and other literature. I have every book you ever published and take pride in keeping these in my library.

Seldom have I disagreed with you in matters pertaining to boxing. I have had a few letters published from time to time in your wonderful magazine and here's one I'm sending which I hope gets a little space because I believe it is of international interest to your readers.

I cannot help but wonder why in your selections for the Hall of Fame such great men as Peter Jackson and Sam Langford were not chosen. The great Peter didn't receive even one vote, I believe. He was a great swimmer who set many records and styles in swimming. So great a pugilist was he that John L. Sullivan refused to meet him for the crown.

Jackson was almost as clever as was Corbett and was a greater all-around fighter than Gentleman Jim. He was much stronger, bigger and a harder hitter. When he fought his draw battle of 61 rounds with Corbett, he entered the ring with a swollen ankle. In my humble opinion Jackson's claim for championship honors should receive as much attention as that of John L. Sullivan. He beat the best in England and in Australia and was the Empire champion.

Now let's get to George Dixon, another great pugilist. Little Chocolate, the first Negro to win a world's title, received only eight votes. He won the bantam and feather crowns several times and was past his prime when he was whipped by Terrible Terry McGovern. Dixon was a bantam who weighed no more than our present day flyweights in most of his battles and gave away height and weight to his opponents during most of his career.

Sam Langford was another who deserved attention by the sports scribes who made the choices for the Hall of Fame. Here was one of the greatest light heavyweights of all time and a mighty fine heavyweight, also. He fought in all divisions and faced the greatest battlers of his time. His bout with Jack Johnson demonstrated his true ability because the Mighty Galveston Negro thereafter always turned thumbs down when the name of Langford was mentioned to him for a title bout.

Can anyone really know the boxing game who ignores this fighter for a place in the Hall of Fame? He could have knocked out any of the current day heavyweights or light heavyweights. They wouldn't have had a chance against Old Sambo, who at 170 pounds fought the best men in the fistic world yet couldn't get a place in the Hall of Fame! How many heavyweight title holders of recent years could have whipped Sambo?

Nat,—I call you by your first name because though I have never met you, I feel I am acquainted with you and know you personally through your writings—it is up to you to see that the injustice to which I have pointed out is rectified. Let's keep alive ring romanticism through keeping alive the memories of such great battlers as Jackson, Langford and Dixon, among others.

How could these men be overlooked—How could the name of Peter Jackson be lost sight of?

Most of the present day sports scribes know little or nothing about the old timers except what they gather from stories such as appear in "The Ring" and in the old sports literature, hence I feel they should consult old timers to get the necessary information to act properly in the choice of great men for such an important matter as a Hall of Fame of Pugilists.

I am certain that if James J. Corbett and Bob Fitzsimmons were alive, they would tell you that the name of Peter Jackson belonged in your listing. Even the great Fitzsimmons wanted no part of Peter. Let's see what can be done about getting Peter's name in the next Hall of Fame vote. Also those of Dixon and Langford.

John Bruen, Jr. Goshen, New York.

(Your argument is an exceedingly good one. I agree with you. You must realize that the choices for the Hall of Fame, were not those of The Ring. We had only one vote.

Twenty veteran scribes acted on the old timers' selection, that which includes boxers who fought in the early period of American pugilism and were in the so-called pioneer group and more than 100 scribes from all over the world, voted on the others. I am sure that when the second year's votes are counted, such names as Peter Jackson and Sam Langford, one of the greatest of all light heavies and heavyweights will be found among those selected.)

It was a difficult job and I think that those chosen for the first list, make up a very good group of the world's best, past and present. Naturally many good names are missing but one must obtain a definite number of votes to be accepted, as is the case in the Baseball Hall of Fame, and that's why not all those you would like to see are listed.) Editor's note.

A few months ago, as a keen follower of boxing, having read a story in "The Ring" about Dave Sands, I decided to pay a visit to his grave at Sandgate and since that of Les Darcy, our great middleweight, was not far away, I paid my respects to his memory also by visiting his resting place. It seemed strange to me that both fighters had so much in common, each a champion of our country, each an international figure in boxing and that they should sleep just a few miles apart!

It struck me that this would be well worth commenting in your wonderful publication, a magazine that is read wherever boxing is staged and so I decided to send this letter to you in the hopes that you will see fit to give it a little space because we in Australia hold Sands and Darcy high in our esteem as sportsmen and boxers.

I am enclosing two photographs I took of the graves of these fine men. Out from Newcastle in New South Wales, as we travel north along the Pacific Highway, we come to the cemetery at Sandgate where the boxers rest in everlasting peace.

Tucked away in a corner of this cemetery we find a well kept grave. In that ground, sleeps a man who today, were he alive, would probably be the world middleweight king—Dave Sands. As we call to memory some of Dave's fights, we wonder why so many great middleweights were called away in the prime of life.

We think of that great French fighter, Marcel Cerdan and another still greater pugilist, Stanley Ketchel. And close to Dave's resting place is that of the other great Australian, Les Darcy who sleeps in immortal peace. In 1917, at the height of his career, Darcy was called to his Maker and thirty-five years later, history repeated itself with Sands's passing.

James M. Grory, Balgownie, N. S. Wales.

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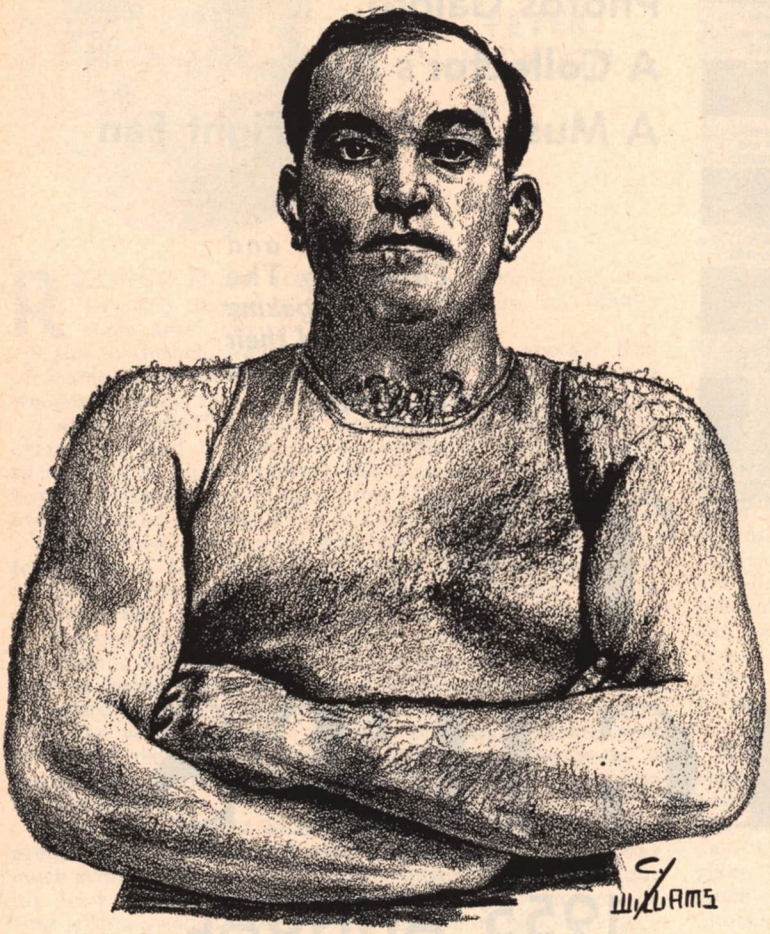


JIM JEFFRIES

(ELECTED TO HALL OF FAME 1954)

JAMES J. JEFFRIES, born April 15, 1875, at Carroll, Ohio, was the first man to win the heavyweight title while undefeated.

Known as "The Boilermaker," Jeffries began his career in 1896 and in his thirteenth fight kayoed Bob Fitzsimmons in eleven rounds on June 9, 1899, at Coney Island, New York, to win the title.

Jeffries successfully defended the heavyweight championship against Tom Sharkey, Jim Corbett (twice), Gus Ruhlin, Bob Fitzsimmons and Jack Munroe before retiring undefeated in 1905, inducing Marvin Hart and Jack Root to fight for the vacated title.

Five years later, Jeffries, ill and out-of-condition came out of retirement in an attempt to regain the crown, which was then held by Jack Johnson. On July 4, 1910, Johnson gave him a merciless beating, knocking him out in fifteen rounds at Reno, Nev. It was the only fight he ever lost.

Jeffries possessed great stamina and with his crouching style of fighting, at his peak, was unbeatable.

Jeffries, considered one of the greatest heavyweight champions of all time, died on March 3, 1953, at his home in Burbank, Calif.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS

By Jack Waina

THE turn of the New Year found several major developments in fistic events to come here. First, the Motor City Arena and its brewery sponsor have parted and the weekly televised shows will subside January 18th. Second, Nick Londes has announced that his club at the Olympia Stadium, will try to promote every two or three weeks, with or without video.

The falling out with it's sponsor has brought to an end, at least temporarily, three consective years of promotion at the MCA. Reluctant to continue on a weekly basis without television, the group announced it planned to continue with upstate promotions and an occasional show on a larger scale at possibly the Fairgrounds.

In the meantime the announcement of the Olympia to run more frequently has brought out hope of more competition and that may give the sport some of the injection it has so sorely needed for some time!

During the month of December, six shows were offered and the combined paid attendence totals reached a mere 5,425, an average of less than 1,000 spectators per show. Of these shows, one was a nationally televised offering, four locally TV'd, and one a club promotion at Saginaw without TV which drew the most of 1,091 fans.

Motor City Arena, Televised locally, paid attendance 860 fans: Johnny Summerlin, 196, Detroit, put on one of his better efforts in drubbing Toxie Hall, 196¾, Chicago, in the eight round feature bout. So impressive was Summerlin that referee Jackie Swartz scored all eight rounds on his card in favor of John.

Bud Baker, Detroit light-heavy, stopped Bill Curro, also of Detroit, in three; Al Adams, 189, Detroit, defeated Syl Wagner, 198, Bay City, in five; and Syl Armstrong, 173½, Chicago, KO'd Kenny Lovegrove, 176½, Hamilton, Ontario, in five.

Saginaw Auditorium, paid attendance 1,091 fans, gross $2,481.06.

Allan Kennedy, defeated Young Chico, 153, Detroit, in six; Jay Watkins, 139½, Flint, stopped Frank O'Neal 139, at :53 of the fourth; Eli Legett, 139, Detroit, drew with Ralph Capone, 134½, Chicago, in six; Chuck Coleman 165, Detroit, drew with Larue Harvey, 165, Detroit, in six; and Larry Boaz, 159½, Detroit, bested Lou Barry, 159, Detroit, in six.

Embrel Davidson, 209, Detroit, defeated veteran Henry Hall, 186, Milwaukee, in the feature eight rounder. Ray Mizzi, 158¾, Detroit, beat Dolph Miller, 150, Flint, in four; Larry Watkins, 133½, Flint, bested Ron Dash, 140, Detroit, in five; Willie Coleman, 190½, Detroit, KO'd Chuck Church, 188½, Owosso, in three; and Eddie Lee Walker, 178, Detroit, KO'd Richard Garrett, 178, Detroit, in one.

MCA, Televised locally, 852 paid attendance.

Jimmy Perrault, 149¼, St. Paul, Minn., upset Allan Kennedy, 148½, Bay City, in a six; Eli Leggett, 136½, Detroit, bested Ronnie Stribling, 136½, Chicago, in six; Bobby Evans, 155½, Detroit, best Henry Bronko, 155¾, Detroit, in five; and Al Adams, 189, Detroit, won over Rex Traux, 187, Grand Rapids, in five.

Olympia Stadium, televised nationally, paid attendence 560 fans.

Harold Johnson, 175, Philadelphia, had very little trouble with gangling Marty Marshall, 179, Detroit, in a ten. Marshall was down for a nine count in the eighth and was fortunate to finish on his feet.

Clinton Beacon, 174, Toledo, KO'd Jimmy Davis, 179½, Detroit, in two; Eddie Smith, 164, Detroit, stopped Sherman Williams, 160½, Indianapolis, in two; Frank DeGazio, 180, Niagara Falls, halted Petey Graham, 195, Detroit, in two; Vic Brown, 154 Detroit, bested Mickey Warner, 158¼, in four; Eddie Troy, 157, Detroit, won over Jimmy Godbolt, 155, Detroit; and Ted Wright, 146½, Detroit, best Adrian Hefel, 146½, Detroit, in four.

MCA, televised locally, 1,064 fans, attending. Clarence "Duke" Harris, 146, Detroit, won over Waldo Fusaro, 145, Italy, in eight. Bud Baker, 175, Detroit, KO'd Eddie Lee Walker, 176, Detroit, in three; Dick Ramizetti, 128¾, Detroit, KO'd Nelson Ludy, 135½, Detroit, in three; Leo Desjardin, 145, Windsor, stopped Farmer Wright, 146, Jackson, in four; and Yama Bahama, 151, Bimini, Fla., bested Jasper Hall, 148½, Detroit, in five.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

WITH Joey Giambra, middleweight star, doing a two-year trick in Uncle Sam's Army and Paul Andrews fighting in out-of-town rings the chances of big time boxing matches for Buffalo this Winter are not too promising.

Wrestling promoter Ed Don George is running shows every Friday night at Memorial Auditorium. The crowds are not as good as in former years, but Big Ed has dropped television and now figures the fans will be back in droves for the remainder of the indoor season. George is running shows in Jamestown, Syracuse, Watertown, Dunkirk, Saratoga, Elmira, Binghamton and in other New York and Pennsylvania cities.

HERE AND THERE . . . The Boxing Fraternity gave veteran trainer Patsy Newman a real welcome last month when Patsy was honored at a dinner in East Buffalo. Patsy, now around 60, is a brother of the late Jack Singer, one of Buffalo's greatest promoters. . . . Bert Finch has retired on pension from his job as Inspector with the Buffalo Streets Lighting Division. . . . Bert will take on private employment late in the winter. . . . Stan Barron, WKBW sportscaster is back on the job after a vocal cord operation. Stan sounds better than ever.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charlie Longo

PROVIDENCE—Well known Tony Maceroni, who once managed Ralph Zanelli, was made Boxing Commissioner to Anthony Petronella's staff. Maceroni has been in and around boxing for years.

Boston: Tommy Collins, Medford, Mass., was handed a shellacking by Lulu Perez, of Brooklyn, in the second round of a ten round bout. The bout was stopped in that round to save Collins from further punishment.

Jackie Blair, 135, Dallas, Texas, kayoed George Araujo, 137, in the seventh round of a tener.

Peter Mueller, 155, Cologne, Germany, gave Joe Miceli a good going over to win easy ten round fight. It was a very dull fight.

The boxing game took an awful blow in Boston when Ed Saunders, Los Angeles, and stationed at the Fargo Barracks in Boston, lost to Willie James in the eleventh round of a twelve round fight for the New England heavyweight championship. He never regained consciousness. Saunders was rushed to the Massachusetts General Hospital where doctors tried to save his life. He passed away a few days later. Saunders was married and the father of a 17 month old son.

Worcester: Willie Stevenson, 136½, Boston, outpointed Bobby Kilburn, 137, Worcester, 8 rounds. Bobby West, 125, Providence, halted Billy Fitzgerald, 129, Whitinsville, R. I. (3). Toby Silvia, 151, Fall River, outpointed Dick Gaudet, 156, Fitchburg, (4).

Waterville, Maine: Larry Griffin, 152, Lewiston, outpointed Butsy Gallant, 148, Chelsea, (8). Stan Ketchell, 162, Boston, outpointed Bert Gagnon, 170, Lewiston, (6).

BERMUDA BOXING NOTES
by Ron Oatway

CUBA'S big Nino Valdes, 208½, looked very impressive here in early December as he took only one minute and twenty seconds of the second of a scheduled ten rounder to knock out Bermuda's heavyweight champion, Jimmy Walls of Englewood, New Jersey.

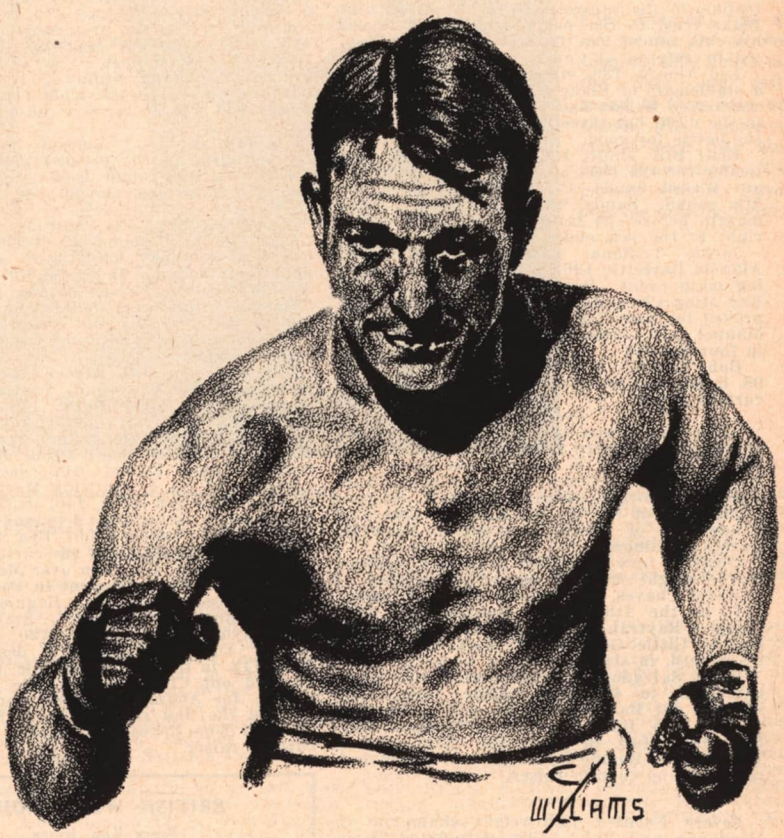
A crowd of nearly 3,000 paid approximately $7,500 to see the Cuban heavyweight bore in from the start and finally finish the valiant but outclassed Walls, 187, with two bone-jarring rights to the head. Walls managed to get to his feet but was saved from further punishment by James J. Braddock, the third man in the ring, who declared the finish a knockout. Walls had carried the fight to his opponent but each time he struck Valdes, received a dozen blows in return.

The semi-final saw Bermuda's Lucky Williams, 134, score a good six round decision over Bobby Davis, 129, of New York.

Roger Harvey, 145, decisioned Walter Harris, 144, in four; Garry Smith, 129, took Kid Armstrong, 130, in four; Jack Williams, 164, scored a TKO over Duke Hassell, 154, in 1:35 of third of four; and Palmer Douglas whipped King Jeffreys in four.

HALL OF FAME NO. 6

Stanley Ketchel



STANLEY KETCHEL
(ELECTED TO HALL OF FAME 1954)

STANLEY KETCHEL was born as Stanislaus Kiecal on September 14, 1887, at Grand Rapids, Mich. Twice holder of the world middleweight title, he scored knockouts in 46 of his 60 professional bouts.

Known as the Michigan Assassin, he ranks as the greatest of middleweight fighters and the one who possessed the most deadly punch.

He won the vacant middleweight title by knocking out Mike (Twin) Sullivan in one round on Feb. 22, 1908, at Colma, Calif., and lost it the same year, on Sept. 7, to Billy Papke, being halted in 12 rounds in Los Angeles. Two and a half months later he kayoed Papke in 11 rounds in San Francisco to regain the crown. His four fight series with Papke are among the standout fights of all time.

Ketchel fought Jack Johnson for the heavyweight title on October 16, 1909, at Colma, Calif. In the twelfth round he dropped Johnson but the heavyweight champion arose to knock Ketchel out.

His ten round no decision fight with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien on March 26, 1909 in New York saw O'Brien saved from a knockout by the bell ending the last round.

Ketchel was only twenty-three years old when he was shot and killed at Conway, Mo., on October 15, 1910.

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES

By Felipe J. C. Galang

DANNY KID, flyweight champion of the Philippines kayoed Vince Blake, 111, flyweight champion of Australia, in the 7th round in their bout at the Coliseum under the promotion of Danny Aniban. The bout was close until in the 7th Danny then landed a right to the jaw sending the Australian to the canvas. At the count of nine Blake tried to rise but did not make it and his chin landed on the floor at the count of ten by referee Al Cante.

Leo Alonzo, 133, stopped Ned Wilson, 129, a stablemate of Blake in the 9th round. Tall and lanky Wilson had been down three times in the night but three rights to the jaw ended the battle for good.

Emil Bill Tinde, 123, and a leading contender for the title of Ben Escobar, knocked out Russel Sands, 126, of Australia in the 9th round. Sands was leading by a wide margin before the fatal ninth. A left and a right to the jaw ended the battle.

Jackie Trillana, 123, badly outpointed Albredo Barretto, 126, in a 10 round supporting main event. Bert Gonzales, 120, kayoed Ray Ming Chan, 124, in the 4th round. Bert proved too busy for his Chinese rival. Mario Manuel, 116, outboxed Rudy Alcantara, 116, in four rounds.

Baby Marvic, 100 kayoed Bobby de Leon, 98, in the 2nd round of the scheduled 4 round curtain raiser.

Little Cesar won the featherweight championship of Southern Luzon by beating Villeza Villar, 125, in a 8 round main event. In Binang, Laguna. Cesar received a golden belt donated by Brig. General Alfredo M. Santos, commander of the Second Military Area and a new pair of gloves from Mayor Jesus M. Garcia of Binang.

Cesar is now a leading contender for the featherweight championship of the country.

Mario Chaves, 118 kayoed Frankie Young, 117, in the 4th round. Golden Boy, 112, stopped Raytranco Kid, 112, in the second round. Little Garcia, 117, beat Rod Capistrano, 116, in six rounds.

Flash Salvador, 114, outpointed Max Morgan, 115, in 4 rounds. Billy Andy, 110, knocked out Baby Garcia Jr., 111 in the 3rd round. Bob Burdett, 140, decisioned Tony Sarmiento, 142, in 4 rounds. Baby Mario, 110, stopped Bonnie Catindig, 109, in the 2nd round of the curtain raiser.

Severo Fuentes, lightweight champion of Mindanao and Sulu badly outpointed King Tut, former lightweight champion of the Philippines in 10 rounds in Davao City.

Miguel Estimada, 116, defeated Epi Duran, 115, in 8 rounds. Young Espina, 118, decisioned Eddie Mendoza, 117 in 6 rounds. Eddie Boy, 112, and Flashy Ibanez, 110, drew in 4. Rocky Ongko, 120, drew with C. Bustamante, 119, in another 4 rounder. Basil Janaria, 112, and Buen Panares, 112, drew in 4. Kid Independence Jr., 112 defeated Battling Jesse, 111 in another 4 rounder. Guinny Var, 110, bested Leonardo Veloso, 112, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

Young Paulino, 145, and middleweight champion of the Philippines stopped Taruo Ogawa, 150 of Japan in the 8th round of a main event at the Olympic Stadium of Grace Park. Paulino was the master at all times. The Japanese bled from nose and mouth. His second Joe Eagle threw in the towel in token of surrender in the 8th round.

Villeza Villar, 120, won over the Japanese Tamio Sasaki by a split decision. Sasaki was winning by a wide margin but after the 10th round the referee and one of the judges decided in favor of the Filipino. The crowd became unruly and booed and hissed the decision.

Cunning Andy, 110, won over Young Brown, 110, in a 10 round supporting main event. Andy proved too fast for the slow moving rival in ten rounds. Vic Campo, 112, kayoed Speed Meloy, 112, in the 4th round. Young Forbes, 113, and Speedy Dado Jr., 112, drew in 6 rounds. Roy Campo, 118, knocked out Flash Olanio, 116, in the 4th round.

The first lady wrestlers to appear in Manila made a hit. The exhibition took two nights. Lady wrestling champion Mildred Burke headed the wrestlers with Mae Young, Gloria Bratini, Rita Martinez and Ruth Boatecelli. The exhibition was for the benefit of the Manila Police Department.

Baby Naven, 120, badly outpointed Frisco Reyes, 119, of Cabanatuan City in 8 rounds at Cabanatuan. It was a give-and-take affair with Naven winning.

Plaza Boy, 112, beat Max Morgan, 110, in 6 rounds. Grisco Gencio, 115, kayoed Primo Paraiso, 116, in the first round. Naric Boy, 110, defeated Santo Mendoza in 4 rounds. Lucky M, 114, stopped Fighting Perla in the 3rd round. Young Aquino, 114, bested Rush Cabiling in 4. Naven Kid, 110, won over, Benny Kid, 110, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

Antonio Mozas y Tuason, 44 years old, former boxer in the pre-war days known as Joe Rivers, was found dead in his room. He lost his right arm during the liberation.

Tenejeros Boy, 131, and Jet Bally, 128, fought in a 5 round no-decision bout in Calamba, Laguna. They were scheduled to fight for 8 rounds. In the middle of the 5th, Amado Canilla, former boxing promoter of Calamba, stopped the fight without even asking the referee why the crowd was booing. The referee had no recourse but to declare it a No-Decision contest.

Little Brown, 103 kayoed Speed La Mallorca, 98 in the 3rd round. Young Eleno, 122, stopped Johnny Ace Hand, 124, in the 4th round. Avenger Jr., 125, kayoed Strong Delfin, 123, in the 2nd round. Waling Waling Boy, 113, bested Small Doro, 112, in four rounds. Este Escoto, 102, beat Fighting Licheria, 97, in 4. Battling Marcellana, 142, stopped Star San Juan, 140, in the very first round of a scheduled 4 round bout. Joe Retaga, 127, knocked out Ben de Guzman, 121, in the 2nd round of the curtain raiser.

Bino Manalo, 110, won over Mario Manuel, 112, in 6 round main event in Pateros, Rizal. Tuffy Salcedo, 124, beat Bagumbayan Boy, 122, in another 6 rounder. Star Sta. Ana, 122, kayoed Terry Comb, 120, in the 5th round. Young Bataan, 114, desposed Billy Arce, 112, in the 2nd round. Vic Angeles, 118, knocked out Clever Santos, 118, in the 3rd round. Joe Abutan, 112, iced Gene Guerrero, 114, in the 2nd round. Clever Santos, 110, and Kid delos Reyes, 108, drew in the 4 round curtain raiser.

BRITISH WEST INDIES

From Ken Jones

JOSE Alvarez, Cuban middleweight slugger, had to be content with a three-way verdict which created a heated controversy among fight fans at Race Course. The flashy Havana boy had gone all out to avenge the defeat which Jamaican Arthur Rose had inflicted on him a fortnight before. He carried the fight throughout the ten rounds and completely overshadowed the local fighter at infighting.

In the third Arthur went all out for a kayo but the Cuban weathered the session and came back with a blistering assault to the body. After that Alvarez dictated terms and hit his foe almost at will.

Judge Dr. Narcisse voted the fight a draw, judge Ivan Levy saw Alvarez as the winner and referee Carlton Earle handed it to Rose.

In the semi-final bout on promoter Stanley Mair's card, Sugar Ray Solomon forced Basil Duhaney to quit after four one-sided rounds.

Freddie Saunders, 143, kayoed Battling Juan, 143½, in 3 heats. Kid Ralph, 193, outpointed Willie Fearon in 6 rounds.

Joe Bygraves, Jamaican contender for the British Empire heavyweight title, came home after a long campaign in England. Joe left this country as a mere boy and took up fighting as an amateur in England.

There is at present a dearth of heavyweights here, but Bygraves has expressed a willingness to fight anyone for the local title.

Breezy Boy, outstanding local lightweight, also returned home after a number of fights in the United States. He is desirous of winning the title which is at present vacant. Promoter Mair is thinking of putting him in the current elimination series.

Lefty Flynn, former welterweight champion of Jamaica was reported as having been blinded in a bout at Stann Creek, British Honduras. Clippings for B. H. papers state that Lefty went blind at the end of the fourth round of his match with Rudolph Bent who had won the Honduran welter crown from him early in 1954.

Flynn was once the leading contender for Ernie Roderick's British Empire welter title. In those days however, there was a ruling against certain colonials and Lefty never got his chance.

The largest gathering of the past year attended the final show of 1954 in which Arthur Rose, No. 1 Jamaica middleweight, handed a defeat to Jose Alvarez of Cuba in a ten round bout. It was the first international contest here in ten years and drew a huge crowd.

In the other bouts on Promoter Stanley Mair's card at the Race Course Arena, Roy Chambers drew with Lloyd Allen (paperweights); Fitzroy Lindo, 156, beat Kid Tiburon, 153, in 6; Danny Edwards, 125, iced Ken Spence, 123½, in 5 and Kid Kirkey, 125, outpointed Kid Banga, 133, in 8.

MINNESOTA NEWS

By Billy Colbert

VINCE DONNELLY Minneapolis' promising boy who is with the Marines, is now a lieutenant. He is in Korea.

The Pillsbury House in Minneapolis is celebrating its fifth year with amateur boxing. Many of the old timers were at the homecoming.

Hardy Feichtinger one of the best boosters and fans for boxing, an all-around athlete in golf, bowling, tennis, passed away. Hardy had many friends and will be missed.

Lauro Salas, California lightweight, returned to Minneapolis and met Mickey Zielke, La Crosse lightweight, in the main event attended by a good crowd. Mickey lost on a TKO in the sixth round when referee Johnny Stanton stopped the bout. Mickey put up a good fight for a youngster meeting an experienced fighter.

Jimmy Perrault, Duluth, showed a great left hand in defeating Bob Rossie, Cedar Rapids, in an eight round bout. The card was very interesting. Rossie and Perrault put up a great fight.

Gene White, St. Paul, 187, won by a TKO over Monroe Gage, Minneapolis, in the third round. Gage weighed 184.

Jimmy Azone, St. Paul, 174, and Bill Riffel Wold Chamber Air Base, 174, drew in a four rounder.

Benny Mason, Omaha, 160, decisioned Larry Quick, 157, in four rounds.

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LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY

By Ken (Duke) Stigner

JOHNNY Lombardo, Mt. Carmel, Pa., nationally known welterweight, had to get up off the floor on two occasions to chalk up his victory over Mel Parker, Philly, in the pre-holiday card at the General Mine AC professional menu at the MOC arena, Mt. Carmel.

The Mt. Carmel boy scored a knockout in two minutes, 11 seconds of the fourth heat of the scheduled eight-round go before a fair crowd. But it was a donnybrook as long as it lasted, with both boys hitting the canvas and a couple of slips by both. Lombardo was floored first, in the third round for a count of eight by a series of lefts and a straight right to the head. Again in the fourth Johnny hit the deck for the compulsory eight-count, then turning on Parker, he knocked him down for the eight count. Johnny began to pour it on then ,to the body and head, following a series of head blows Parker again hit the canvas. He was stirring, trying to get off the floor at the count of ten.

Harry Deputy, 146, Pottsville, gained a technical knockout over the veteran Tiger Rankins, 152, Wheeling, W. Va., in 2:54 of the fourth chapter because of a cut eye.

Rocky Petrolle, 155, Baltimore, lost by a TKO to Dale Coleman, 153, Philly, in 2:31 of the third. Bobby Douglas, 140, Philly, scored a KO over Tony Cambria, 149, Reading, in 39 seconds of the first round, following two knockdowns from lefts to the head.

Frank Rapino, 163, Reading, registered a KO against Tony Cambria, 155, Philadelphia, after two previous knockdowns.

Waiting for the bell—Hank Stezar, dean of Northeastern Pennsylvania promoters, still in harness and going with the grunt and groan boys twice a month in his Town Hall Arena. . . . Now that the Democrats have taken over the State Government it is a foregone certainty that a new boxing commission will be named. It is hoped that Governor Leader names men that really have boxing at heart.

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NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

AFTER a four month lapse pro boxing returned to New Jersey with a show at the Trenton Arena. There is a rumor that pro boxing will also be resumed at Newark after the first of the year.

Bill Gilliam, Orange heavyweight, just signed a contract with Irish Jimmy Brady, former Newark welterweight, to manage him. Gilliam's former manager was the late Moses Maybin who passed away suddenly a few months ago. This past month was a rough one on Jersey boxers as Harold Carter was handed his first loss, being stopped by Wayne Bethea; Georgie Johnson's comeback was ruined as he lost to Charlie Salas; Charlie McGarrity lost to Bobby Courchesne; Roy Alston kayoed Dick Cannady but lost to Andy Figaro; Ernie Durando beat Jesse Turner but was halted by Peter Mueller; Frank LaPola defeated Joe Salvato; Pete Adams made his big time debut by beating Jimmy Martinez; and Al Wilson resumed his career by kayoing Jimmy Champagne.

Gene Fosmire of Rockaway and James Tillis of Newark repeated as State AAU champions at the Newark A. C. Gene, who last year copped the flyweight crown, this year won the bantamweight title, while James retained his 165 pound crown. The results: 112 lbs. Algerian Brown, Trenton, kayoed Georgie Velt, Newark, 1; 119 lbs. Gene Fosmire, Rockaway defeated Leroy Coy, Trenton; 125 lbs. Jimmy McInnis, Newark won by default over Sam Bouler, Newark; 132 lbs. Joe Fayad Jr., Newark kayoed Cosmo Liaci, Newark 2; 139 lbs. Paul McInnis, Newark won by default over William Jones, Newark; 147 lbs. Thomas Lee Brown, Trenton defeated John Heeney, Orange; 156 lbs. Preston Crump, Newark defeated Angelo Mone, Westfield; 165 lbs. James Tillis, Newark, defeated William Sloan, Newark; 178 lbs. Curtis Walker, Newark kayoed Ray Murphy, Newark 2; Heavyweight Mike Zudonie, South Amboy kayoed Bob Ryan, Elizabeth, 2.

Trenton Arena: Before a small crowd of 800 fans, Frankie Sodano, 129, Philadelphia, spotted Charlie Slaughter, 130, Westfield, the first round and came on to win an easy decision. Referee Paul Cavalier scored it 6-1-1 for the former amateur champion. In a sizzling semi Frank Perry, 152, Philadelphia, halted Stan Michaux, 154, Rahway, in 1:54 of the fifth. Davey Thomas, 148, Trenton, decisioned Don Holden, 144, also from Trenton, 4; Jesse Goss Jr. 132, Trenton, kayoed Jimmy Chetano, 136, Asbury Park, in 1:48 of the first. Bobby Medina, 172, Philadelphia, outscored Jay Bee, 181, Trenton, in four.

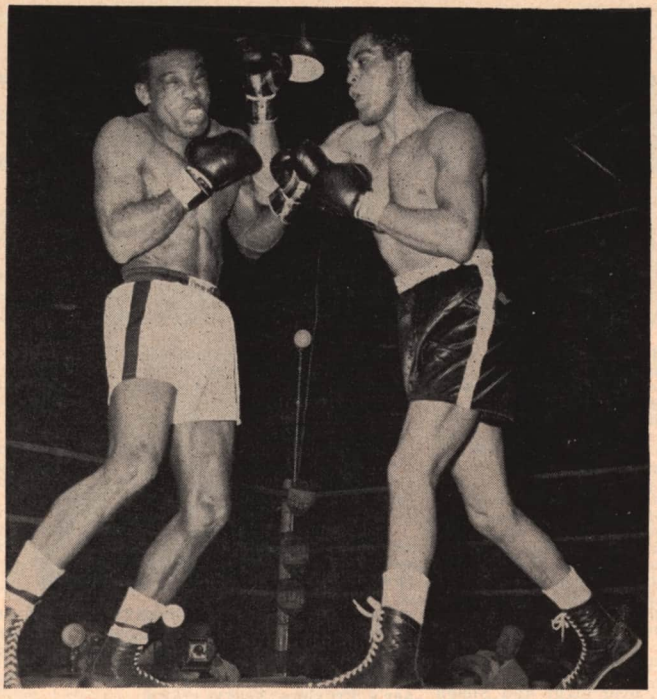
It is hoped by the promoters to stage shows one a month at the present time.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

HARTFORD, Dec. 7—Hartford's two best welterweights in years, met for the first time in the ring, in the feature 10 round bout at Foote Guard Hall. Johnny Cesario, former N. E. welterweight and middleweight champion beat Vic Cardell, State Welterweight Champion in a bout that about proved that both boys have seen their best days. The decision of Referee Billy Taylor in favor of Cesario was a mere formality as Johnny had things his own way throughout the 10 rounds. We want to comment on the great sportsmanship of Cesario for in the first round Cardell slipped on his own left ankle and could hardly move about, so that Cesario refrained from hitting him the remainder of the round. In the second round Cardell's ankle wasn't any better as he hobbled around the ring, again Johnny refused to hit him hard. Between rounds Referee Billy Taylor helped tape Cardell's ankle over his boxing shoe and as a result Cardell was able to negotiate the rest of the way. Cardell's weight 147½ to Cesario's 150.

In the 6 round semi-final Hartford's fast rising Billy Lynch at 140 took too long in disposing of Billy Durham, 143, of Washington, D. C. in the third round.

Danbury—Veteran promoter Pete Montesi put on another of his infrequent boxing shows and again the fans of Danbury let him down by not supporting his fine efforts. In fact, even though the only pro bout on the card was the 6 round main go, it was one of the finest boxing presentations ever held in Danbury. All the undercard bouts were thrillers, stopped by an excellent 6 round bout in which Stanley Smith, 139, New Haven and Johnny Scalero, 141, Stamford, thrilled the fans. Scalero's finer condition won for him a one point decision.



Paul Andrews, rips a left to the jaw of the sagging, Billy Smith in the sixth and last round of their bout at Miami, Fla. Andrews moved back into the light heavyweight title picture with his kayo over the favorite Smith.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CAPERS
By Mike Geary

BOXING in Washington suffered it's early winter doldrums, which accounts for my absence during February. A check with Vince McMahon, local promoter, indicates a good solid program for 1955 in which local standouts such as Holly Mims, Willie Troy and Gene Smith will no doubt play an important role. We expect to see Goldie Ahearn promoting nationally televised matches for these boys, direct from your Nation's Capital.

Washington's Gene Smith, in at 130, was stopped after eleven seconds of the sixth round, by Rudy Garcia, 128¼, Los Angeles, in a scheduled ten round main event at Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn. This TKO represented the second time the 23 year old local featherweight had been stopped in 49 pro starts. On the same card, Gene's brother Harold Smith, 128, Washington, won his ninth straight victory in as many bouts, by outpointing Bobby Davis, 125, New York City, in a four round curtain raiser.

Considerable local interest was shown recently in the NCAA Sugar Bowl Boxing Championships conducted in New Orleans and matching the nearby University of Maryland boxing team against Louisiana State University. The LSU team defeated the Terps for the second consecutive year, by a score of 7-1. Gary Fisher produced the only Maryland win when he decisioned Bill Clayton, LSU, in the 154 pound class. Other popular Marylanders to loose included Vince Palumbo to John Stiglets in the 132 pound class and Guidro Caprie, who lost to Bobby Freeman, 1953 NCAA 125 pound champion.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND EASTERN OHIO
By Albert M. (Al) Wolgast

A HOWLING crowd of over 1,300 fight-hungry fans sat in on an exciting pro boxing show in Erie, Pa. The show, promoted by the youthful DON ELBAUM, grossed $3,500. In the main bout EMIL BRTKO, 188, Pittsburgh, gained a close decision over JOE TUVELL of Indianapolis in an eight-rounder. The semi-final saw EDDIE JAMES of Buffalo beat BOBBY BROOKS of Detroit in another eight.

GENE TURNER, Ashtabula, Ohio, 148, knocked out JOHNNY CHATMON of Kane, Pa. in the second round. ERNIE SMITH, Pittsburgh, beat MIKE PINELLI, Cleveland in a four rounder. BUDDY JACKSON, Jamestown, N. Y., stopped FRITZIE McKINNEY, Pittsburgh, in the second round. BOBBY SCANLON, Buffalo, halted CHARLEY SMITH, Detroit, in the fourth round.

Bluefield, W. Va.: HOSEA CHAPMAN, 180, Huntington, W. Va., defeated BOB O'BANNON, 190, Indianapolis, by knockout in the eighth round.

AL CARTER, 158, Charleston, defeated HARRY WALLACE, 160, Bluefield, by kayo in the third round. BILLY TUCK, 162, Houston, outpointed ALVIS PERKINS, 165, Chicago. OZZIE HENRY, 138, Detroit, beat ARLIE FERRELL, 136, Charleston, knockout in the fourth.

Warren, Ohio's BOBBY HUGHES was flattened in the first round by BOBBY GORDON of Akron in a pro show at the Rubber City. In the feature bout, CARMEN BASILIO of Syracuse stopped RONNIE HARPER of Detroit in the third round. Other results in Akron which attracted a crowd of 1500 fans as follows: DONNIE DELANEY, 153, Akron, outpointed LUIGI CEMULINA, Italy, ten rounds. EDDIE CRAWFORD, 134, Akron, beat STAN KURSA, Detroit, 134, eight rounds. JACKIE CHALKER, 137, Akron, won by kayo over RAY CARRUTHERS, 142, Akron in the fourth.

Ten Second Shots: Pittsburgh, Erie, Youngstown and Cleveland all going with their Annual Golden Gloves tournaments . . . SONNY HORNE, suffering from the same disease that killed Lou Gehrig, is improving somewhat and would like to hear from friends. His address is 524 W. 3rd St., Niles, Ohio.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

THE only ring life here the past three months has been Carmen Basilio's daily training sessions at Main Street gym which attract a full house most of the time. Proprietor Irv Robbins said "you can feel the pulse of the unemployment situation by merely counting the number of daily visitors to the gym to watch Carmen workout." Ordinarily most of the audience would be at their jobs during the two hour grind Basilio puts in.

Hitting the comeback path, Joey DeJohn, 168, stopped Juan Naranjo, 171, Havana, Cuba, in the first round at Miami Beach, Fla., in a scheduled 10 round bout. Joey dropped Juan with a right cross to the head and sent him to the canvas a second time with a left and right combination. When Maranjo got up the referee stopped the bout at 1:14 of the opening round.

Promoter Norm Rothschild of the Arena Boxing Club, Inc., has opened offices on the corner of North Warren and James street. Downstairs, Norm is operating a Sportsman's Cigar Store and doing nicely. Rothschild sold his uptown restaurant and grill, sometime ago.

LEFT-HOOKS: Mike DeJohn is rounding into top condition and has been hitting the winning column with regularity . . . In shape Mike is a big, dangerous heavyweight . . . For a lad his size, Mike possesses a lot of class . . .

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

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THE year climaxed in grand style, with Pierre Langlois making his fine attack on the World Middles title and Robert Cohen, Charles Humez, Gustav Scholz, Neuhaus, Wally Thom and Gianelli all in action in Continental rings. Hein ten Hoff and Alvaro Cerasani were two old favorites to come back into the limelight with kayo wins.

Paris—José Galiana, torrid little featherweight menace just discovered by the Parisians, added to his rep by taking apart the redoubtable southpaw clouter, Lucien Meriant, a battler who twice knocked out Al Cerasani. He forced the Frenchman's corner to surrender during the sixth. Edouard Lewko beat Postic in a welter eight and Corbanese drew with Rabia in a feathers six.

At Lyons, Joseph Roude, local cruiser toughie, did well to stop Austin Jones, U. S., inside seven rounds. Michel Clavel whipped local lightie, Jo Perez, over eight and Simon beat Barbe in a welter eight.

Tunis—Emile Chemama chalked up another good win when he easily outfought the Belgian bantam, Jean Kidy, over ten rounds. Moussa Saad scraped home a mighty narrow winner over Francis Bonnardel, blond feather star, in another ten.

At Malakoff, suburb of Paris, Henri Schmitt became the new flyweight champion of Paris, beating Roger Busata over ten rounds for the vacant bauble.

At the Paris Stadium, Andre Meraint drew with Andre Granet in a feathers ten and at the Paris Central, Robert Mouginot deserved more than a draw after his ten-rounder with Pipo Dionisio, both flyweight contenders. At Rennes, Claude Arnaiz beat the negro cruiser, Simon Ayankin, ruled out in the fifth.

In the semi-finals of the middles competition held at Granville, Andre Drille made a favorable impression by trouncing the favorite, Henri Entringer, while Umberto Paccagnella thrashed another Italo-Frenchman, Tony Feliciano from Marseilles. Both bouts went the scheduled distance of eight rounds.

Neumünster, Germany — Five thousand watched Hein ten Hoff commence his umpteenth comeback by twice dropping Robert Eugene, Belgian Balloon, and finally forcing the visitor to retire in the fifth round. Ten Hoff weighed 223, Eugene 233.

Uwe Janssen, 175, defeated gallant Otto Hentrich, 168, over four rounds and Hans Brendemuhl, 220 beat Herold, 202, also over four rounds.

Heinz Seelisch flattened Hannes Scherbaum in the fourth of another heavyweight bout and Gerhard Moll grabbed the duke from veteran Amandus Spitzkopf in a welter six.

Wuppertal, Germany—Jimmy Lyggett confirmed his upset win over Hagenaar by coming through with an astonishing victory over Emil Koch, hard-hitting local welter star, in eight hard rounds. Oswald Haast drew with Harry Moller in a middles six and Paul Joram drew with Werner in a welter six. Karlheinz Bücher iced Herbert Escher in the second of a middles contest and Sattler nodded Schröllkamp in a further middles four.

Bologna, Italy—Sandro D'Ottavio, as was expected, met with little trouble in his fight with modest Antoni "Kid" Gameiro, Spanish middle, over ten rounds, but Franco Vescovi had his hands full with tough Jean Ruellet, Parisian welter, who held the Italian to a draw after eight hard rounds. Alvaro Strina whipped Michele Polo in a welter six and Funari halted Renato Beccaria in the fourth frame of their lightweight meeting.

At Grosseto, Emilio Marconi qualified for a bout with Valentini, winner to take the vacant welter crown, by whipping classy Stefano Bellotti over ten rounds.

Trieste, Italy—The two tougest numbers in Europe's trouble spot, Pravisani and Barbadoro, were a bit off their stride against France's Theo Nollet and Jacques Loit. Both the Italians won handily via the points route but lacked their usual hostile hooks to the liver. Bruno Burlovich debuted by whipping Annibale Negro over six, bantams.

At Naples, Luigi Fasulo bested Cosime Pezzuto in a feathers eight. Rosini beat Gaetano De Lucia in a lightweight eight, and Mattei nodded Silvano Locatelli in a welter eight.

At Udine, Vecchiato trounced Genesio Baretti in a welter six and Izzo debuted by scraping home with a disputed nod over bantamweight Kid Bruno, over six rounds.

Beausoleil, France—Frank Marinay, oft-defeated and seldom victorious, got himself an undeserved title here when he was declared winner over Alex Ceremonia after ten rounds and thus took possession of the latter's Province heavy crown.

Manoel Martinheira, Portuguese welter, outfought Mohamed Rahou in eight. Dos Santos, Portuguese feather, thrashed Jean Iosia over eight and Andre Guyon whipped Graziani in a lightweight six.

Abidjan, French Ivory Coast—Louari Godih, quite a favorite here, stopped the Corsican, Robert Di Mayo, in the fourth of their lightweight session. In a featherweight affair, Hanania Bohbot suffered a rude upset by being forced to retire in the sixth round of his battle with unknown Jean Rouan, a local lad. Even Bachir Cheraka, redoubtable Algerian welter, was held to a draw by coal-black Osmane Cissé, over eight rounds.

Calais, France—René Sauvage, Flanders middles champ, outslugged veteran Ali Amrane over eight rounds and Ropart shared honors with the Italian, Occhipinti, over eight rounds.

At Asñieres, Paris suburb, Jacques Prigent easily outclassed a rather timid Michel Masson in a lightweight ten and young Roger Prigent, Jacques' kid brother, defeated André Surier in a lightweight eight.

Berlin—At the Sports Palace, a packed house watched Gustav Scholz, undefeated middles star, box his way to a narrow but deserved win over the Tunisian toughie, Claude Milazzo, with whom he had previously shared a decision.

Rudi Langer, was the hero of the hour, against the French ex-lightweight king, Auguste Caulet, and handing the visitor a masterly lesson in the noble art. Langer refused to mix it with the heavier man and won by a good margin after eight heats. Hans Stretz, on the other hand, was disappointing and showed up badly against the admittedly awkward French stayer, Gaston Meulenbrouck. Stretz won via the points route in eight monotonous rounds. William Besmanoff earned an unpopular decision over the game Italian cruiser, Artenio Calzavara, in eight and Horst Niche whipped Pedro Klijssen, Dutch cruiser, over four. Middles star Max Resch butchered Italy's Carlo Mola for the second time. Mola was flattened inside the first stanza.

Algiers—Consternation swept the audience here when the local hero, the newly-fledged French feathers champ, the brilliant Cherif Hamia was laid in the dust by modest Louis Cabo in the opening round. Cabo dropped the Algerian early in the round but Hamia recovered swiftly and returned the fire. Twenty seconds to go and the Belgian champion loosed a series of two-handed attacks which creased the hitherto undefeated Hamia.

Seraphin Ferrer iced Godoy, Spanish lightie, in two, and Hilaire Pratesi wiped up Antonio Diaz, Spanish flyweight, in seven.

Dunkirk, France—Marcel Ranvial laced Daniel Cobe, Belgian feather, over ten rounds and at Rheims, Jacques Herbillon outpointed the clever German lightie, Alois Brandt, over ten.

Other Germans on the same bill were more

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Idrissa Dione (F)
2. Hein ten Hoff (G)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Italo Scortichini (I)
3. Wil. Kohlbrecher (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Pierre Langlois (F)	Chris Christensen (D)
4. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Charles Colin (F)	Hans Stretz (G)	Bep van Klaveren (H)
5. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Marcel Limage (B)	Claude Milazzo (F)	Kid Dussart (B)
6. Gunther Nurnberg (G)	Ivano Fontana (I)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Antonio Monzon (S)
7. Hugo Salfeld (G)	William Besmanoff (G)	Franco Festucci (I)	Robert Guivarch (F)
8. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Joseph Roude (F)	Peter Muller (G)	Mario Ciccarelli (I)
9. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Lorenzo Rocci (I)	Gilbert Lavoine (F)	Ernst Zetzmann (G)
10. Werner Wiegand (G)	Ramon Martinez (S)	Jacq. Royer-Crecy (F)	Valere Benedetto (F)
Also Aldo Pellegrini (I)	Also Claude Arnaiz (F)	Also Emile Delmine (B)	Also Sauveur Chiocca (F)
Hans Friedrich (G)	Ray Schmit (Lux)	Max Resch (G)	Umb. Vernaglione (I)
Giov. Alfonsetti (I)	Heinz Sachs (G)	Bruno Tripodi (I)	Siegf. Burrow (G)
Jose Gonzales (S)	Winnfried Henne (G)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Jean Ruellet (F)
	Artenio Calzavara (I)	Martin Hansen (D)	Jacques Prigent (F)
		Leen Janser (H)	Emilio Marconi (I)
			Luigi Valentini (I)
			Raphael DaSylva (P)
			Augustin Argose (S)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Ray Famechon (F)	Robert Cohen (F)	Nazzareno Gianelli (I)
2. Hoacine Khalfi (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Antonio Diaz (S)
3. Bruno Visintin (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Young Martin (S)
4. Seraphin Ferrer (F)	Jose Hernandez (S)	Andre Valignat (F)	Robert Mouginot (F)
5. Auguste Caulet (F)	Sergio Milan (I)	Emile Chemama (F)	Emile Delplanque (B)
6. Giancarlo Garbelli (I)	Jacq. Dumesnil (F)	Gaetano Annaloro (I)	Hilaire Caviano (F)
7. Louis Carrara (F)	Moh. Chickaoui (F)	Hilaire Pratesi (F)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
8. Manolo Garcia (S)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Pietro Rollo (I)	Guy Schatt (F)
9. Werner Handke (G)	Fred Galiana (S)	Roberto Spina (I)	Henri Schmid (F)
10. Joseph Janssens (B)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Jean Renard (B)	Pipo Dionisio (F)
Also Laouri Godih (F)	Also Louis Cabo (B)	Also Heintje van der Zee (H)	Also Andre Jasse (F)
Gerd Muller (G)	Alvaro Cerasani (I)	Gianni Zuddas (I)	Manuel Rodriguez (F)
Marcello Padovani (I)	Bobby Ross (S)	Letterio Petilli (I)	Ray Busata (F)
Piet van Klaveren (H)	Nello Barbadoro (I)	Cochin, Maxime (F)	Pierre Andre (B)
Ellis Ask (FN)	Rudi Langer (G)	Jean Kidy (B)	
Ray Souply (B)	Juan Alvarez (B)	Bob Roger (B)	

LEGEND: (A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) France; (FM) French Morocco; (G) Germany; (H Holland; (I) Italy; (S) Spain.

successful. Karlheinz Fiederichs obliged veteran André Gonnet to retire in the third and Gert Müller knocked out Robert Jacques in the sixth. Both are lightweights.

At Caen, André Valignat loosened up with a comfortable ten-rounds win over Robert Meunier in a bantam argument.

Coutances, France—Mickey Laurent returned to winning form when he laced the erratic Tunisian middle, Roland Romano, over ten rounds. Marcel Mathieu retired in the sixth round of his bantam struggle with Capatto owing to a torn ligament in his leg.

At Flers, Umberto Paccagnella scored a good win over René Sauvage in a middles ten and at Auchel, Edouard Ptak halted the Martinique lightie, Théo Nollet, in the tenth.

At Arques, Roger Facqueur kept in the winning class by stopping Emile Zilli in the sixth of a welter discussion, and brother Régis Facqueur gained an unpopular draw with Deshayes in a welter eight.

Paris—At Pavillons-sous-Bois, a suburb, Stanis Sobolak became the new bantam champion of Paris by flattening Jacques Dugré in the ninth while another Franco-Pole, Pierre Stanzack, was defeated by André Jasse in a bantam ten.

At the Central, Felix Chiocca went down another peg by losing out to young Claude Lapleige in a welter ten.

Lille, France—In the middle of his native mining district, Charles Humez drew a large crowd when he collided with the Spanish champ, Pedro Antonio Jiminez. This was the Spaniard's first appearance outside his own frontiers and after the battering he withstood at Lille, it will probably be some time before he again ventures forth. Jiminez was finally sent to his corner by the referee during the eighth round. But Jiminez had not once put his knee to the canvas!

Edouard Lewko chilled Ray Vigneron in the fifth of a welter duel and Serge Lamotte stopped Charles Domer in the fourth of a lightweight debate.

Dortmund, Germany—The giant Westfalen Hall was packed with eager fans, with local matador, Heinz Neuhaus sharing top billing with Rex Layne, German-American heavyweight. The tough Yank proved a most difficult customer for the comparatively inexperienced Neuhaus. L ayne bored in continuously, butting, elbowing and generally keeping the Teuton off-balance. Neuhaus fought a clean bout but found no answer to the man from the Mormon State. The draw announced after ten rough rounds drew abuse from the crowd but ringsiders were in agreement with the verdict. Werner Handke again put his welter title at stake—fourth time this year. Only way the poor guy can get contracts.

Siegfried Burrow was the challenger and made a close call of it but the experience of Handke from Berlin carried him through to a draw after twelve hectic heats.

Franz Szüzina, 163, had an easy run against Fritz Wenzel, 161, and copped the nod after six rounds while Willi Hoepner, 177, tore in with another of his electrifying blitz attacks and shattered England's Tony Lord, 168, in the opening round. Blond Tiger Walter Neusel was the referee.

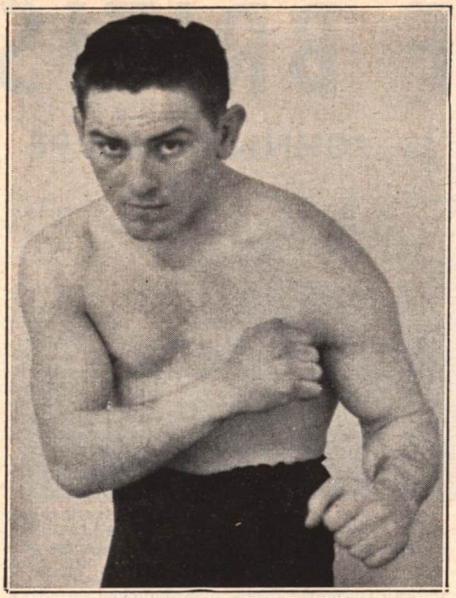
Ernst Zetzmann ripped open the defenses of another popular welter puncher, Alois De Wulf of Belgium, and laid open the Fleming's eye so badly that the bout was halted in the seventh in the Berliner's favor. Albert Müller smartly outboxed Klaus Miska in a lightweight four.

Rome—Franco Festucci had a brief workout at the Cavalerizza, where he disposed of the third-rate Belgian middle, Jo Verbrugh, in twenty seconds of the opening stanza. Roberto Spina overpowered the German bantam king, Willibald Koch, in a good eight and Ferruccio Consorti outscored the modest German welter Hans Nesemann in eight. Francesco De Angelis, pride of Napoli, laced Sergio Della Porta, in a feathers six.

Milan, Italy—At the Sports Palace, 3000 saw Ivano Fontana fail miserably against the scintillating U. S. negro, Jimmy King, who came in twenty pounds lighter than the Italian but obliged the grossly under-trained Fontana to retire in the eighth.

Sergio Milan was also in poor shape and won by a narrow margin over the forceful young French feather, Salvator Vangi, in ten, while Altidoro Polidori impressed with a spectacular points win over Joe Woussem, Belgian feather, over eight rounds. Sergio Caprari whipped Jean Kidy in a feathers eight and Marchinetti, a Swiss-Italian heavy, outmauled Giannino Luise over six rounds.

St. Lo, France—Hamoud Bouraoui upset the local middleweight star, Marcel Tirel, thrashing the blond Norman over ten hard rounds. Jo Martin got an undeserved decision over Yves Leborgne in a lightweight eight. At the Paris Central, Serge Leveque flattened Ray Seneca in the third of a middles clash.



Veteran Kid Dussart of Belgium chalked up a good win over European welterweight champion Wally Thom in Liege.

Lisbon, Portugal—Marlay Kamara won over the local lightweight hope, bootblack Chico Santos, the latter was ruled out in the fifth. Sato, Portuguese feather, got the better of the Frenchman, Georges Lafage.

Milan, Italy—At the Principe Theater, Giovanni Alfonsetti made short work of the short, ponderous Michel Lapourielle, once a middleweight star but now a modest heavyweight. Lapourielle went out for the final count in round two.

Alvaro Cerasani, noted southpaw knockout artist of yesteryear, continued with his latest comeback in fine style, stiffening Jack Lemeunier in the opening frame of their feathers collision. Aristide Pozzali lambasted Roger Busata, French fly, forcing the visitor to retire in the fifth and Guido Mazzinghi crushed the Swiss middle, Marcel Savey, in four.

Paris—At the Salle Wagram, Spain's Manolo Garcia roared into action against gallant Henri Authier, blasting out the moderate Parisian feather in the seventh round. René Barrière whipped André Hernandez in another feathers eight and Guy Schatt impressed with a good points win over Brochard in a bantam eight. André Pierson was another who made good on this bill, winning his fifteenth straight by pasting expert André Younsi in a feathers eight.

Pavia, Italy—Annibale Omodei, local prodigy, outfought Mafaldo Rinaldi in a fast welter six and Remo Viarengo won over Felice Gallo, in the fifth of a lightweight session. Gallo was ruled out for butting.

At Savagnone, Duilio Bianchini got the better of Silvano Locatelli in a welter ten.

Essen, Germany—Leo Starosch, now a champion of Austria but still a native of these parts, turned in a truly miserable showing against Karlheinz Bücher, who got the verdict after eight rounds of tugging and scrambling.

Heinz Sachs, 177, met a worthy foe in the almost unknown Günther Huber, 172, and these two fought a grand battle with the verdict going to the former after eight rounds.

Emil Koch whipped Alois Brand in a welter six and Lothar Saphir lost to Walter Limbach in a bantam four.

Schröllkamp drew with Bierfreund in a welter four.

Chalons-sur-Marne, France—Jacques Herbillon nodded Bouadjemi Mokhfi in a welter ten, Joly stopped Vedani in the fifth of a lightweight clash.

At St. Nazaire, Charles Colin won over Günther Balzer, hardy German cruiser; the third man halted the bout in the tenth in Colin's favor, despite Balzer's protests.

At Marseilles, Emile Chemama inflicted on Willibald Koch the first knockout of his lengthy career, stiffening the German bantam in four rounds. Louis Trochon halted Rionero Bertelli, Italian middle, in three and Frank Youst drew with Andre Guyon in a welter eight. Giuseppe Marotto, Italian lightie, bested the Moroccan, Abdelkrim, on points.

Aix, France—Valere Benedetto, local welter candidate for title honors, earned the right to meet Robert Guivarch for the vacant crown by trouncing the Corsican, Sauveur Chiocca, over twelve rounds. Manoel Martinheira outclassed Vasseur in a welter six and Jo Perez II stopped Carus in the sixth of a lightie larrup. Elie Makridis, Greek from Marseilles, upset Roger Facqeur in a welter ten.

At St. Jean de Luz, Ramon Martinez of Spain fought a draw with the lanky Guadaloupe cruiser, Serge Barthelemy, over ten rounds and Pepeder beat Jules Turillon in a lightweight six. Mario Salvoldi, Italian middle, laced Ali Amrane over ten at Grenoble and at Le Havre, Messaoudi knocked out André Couet in the ninth of a welter slam. Robert Meunier pasted Robert Tartari in a bantam ten at Epernay.

Paris—Robert Cohen made a brief appearance at the packed Palais des Sports, shattering the once-feared Ray Ankarah in three rounds. The new world champion hit his opponent at will. Ankarah failed to come up for the fourth round and left the ring followed by jeers.

Francis Bonnardel unexpectedly found himself back in the money by upsetting that new fistic idol, Fred Galiana of Spain. Bonnardel fought a brilliant campaign

Mario Ciccarelli hit blond René Weissmann with everything but the proverbial bucket but the tough French welter still bored in, only to lose over ten rounds. Roger Atlan nodded André Caulier in a middles six and Ali Belkacem iced Charlier in the fifth of another welter whirlwind.

St. Etienne, France—The latest cruiser sensation, Claude Arnaiz, added a new scalp to his belt when he sewed up modest Roland Guille in the sixth and André Jicat beat Tati in a welter six.

At the Paris Central, Michel Masson amazed one and all, and himself, by soundly whipping Henri Entringer in a middles ten, whilst Henri Schmid iced Depetris in the fourth of a fly-weight meeting.

Esch, Luxembourg—Stroppa outscored the French middle, Arsenal, over six and Burgagni got the better of Guy Berthereaux in a welter six.

Liege, Belgium—Another triumph for the genial Kid Dussart, this time at the expense of the European welter champ, Britain's Wally Thom. The visitor never caught up with the lively veteran and lost over ten rounds. Marcel Limage beat Robert Masson of France in a cruiser eight.

Rieti, Italy—Frezghi, East African, put the crusher on Genesio Baretti in the second session of their lightweight encounter here and Flaviano Ciancarelli knocked out Enzo Ganadu in the fourth of a feathers slam.

At Como, Franco Livio stopped Bruzzone in the sceond of a welter contest and Bruno Burlovich drew with Casarico in a feathers six.

In Turin, Giorgio Milan made a surprise appearance, defeating the Franco-Italian heavy, Frank Mariany, over eight.

Milan, Italy—At the Orfeo Theater, Lorenzo Rocci found himself dumped on the canvas four times by the German trial-horse, Bruno Junkuhn. For a local idol this was very embarrassing so Rocci got to work with his heavy rights and finally brought the Teuton low in the third of a thrilling cruiser slam.

Ray Paini defeated veteran Ludwig Petri, German lightie, over eight. Aureliano Bolognesi nodded Jean Santanbien, French welter, over eight and Umberto Vernaglione, new welter demolisher, wiped the floor with Vincent O'Kine of Nigeria in seven rounds after a tremendous struggle. Gino Campagna, veteran middles southpaw, was held to a draw by rugged Stanis Pasek of France.

Limoges, France—Louis Poncy gained another good win when he whipped the local feathers star, André Granet, over ten rounds.

At the Paris Central, Claude Lapleige crept home a close winner over the Italian welter, Dino Nocentini, in ten rounds and Michel Diouf stopped Chevalier in the fifth of a middles duel.

At the Paris Stadium, Eugene D'Alessio thumped into defeat the debuting Negro heavyweight, Paul Silva, who was stopped in the eighth.

Courtrai, Beligum—Daniel Cobe won by a knockout in the fourth round over the French feather, Georges Lafage, whilst another Frenchman, Albert Devilliers, made things even by checking the local welter prodigy, De Scheemaker, in the opening round.

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NEWS OF BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

BELFAST. Sammy Hamilton, Belfast, 150½, won a controversial knockout decision over Dave Underwood, Plymouth, 147½, in circumstances that were amazingly reminiscent of the historical Dempsey-Firpo scrap many years ago. The big moment came in the opening session when Underwood, caught with a right hook to the chin, was sent clean through the ropes onto the press table at the ringside. Underwood immediately began to scramble back into the ring, and in fact had all but his left foot clear of the ropes when the referee adjudged him as counted 'out'. A most unsatisfactory ending to the bout that was resented by the large crowd present, and one that will certainly result in a return contest between these two boys.

Del Willis, Jamaica, 124½, knocked out Jim Hamilton, Belfast, 133½, in the third. . . . Dave Savage, Glasgow, 139, stopped Pat Price, Newry, 135½, in the fifth. . . . Neil Megarry, Belfast, 137, outscored Bobbie O'Niell, Belfast, 133½, over six. . . . Sammy Saunders, Belfast, 131, stopped Harry Johnstone, Belfast, 131, in the second.

BLACKPOOL. Ken Regan, Blackpool, 144½, won an eight rounds decision over Eric Billington, Golbourne, 148, after an interesting bout. . . . Ray Danbridge, Huddersfield, 136, outpointed Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 134, over four rounds. . . . Ken Gregson, Blackpool, 106, outpointed Eric Lord, Bacup, 112, over four rounds. . . . Jack Skelley, Belfast, 141, and Tommy Cochrane, Blackpool, 141½, drew over six.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM. Alby Tissong, South Africa, 134, took the initiative in the opening round and never looked like losing it throughout his eight rounder with Mickey Flanagan, Birkenhead, 136½, winning convincingly after a good contest.

Pat McCarthy, Birkenhead, 134, stopped Jimmy Brown, Salford, 131½, in the fourth, the latter retiring with a badly gashed left eyebrow. . . . Andy Monaghan, Southport, 134, outpointed Brian Clarkson, Liverpool, 135½, over six. . . . Ricky Simmonds, Birkenhead, 134½, drew with Andy Lambert, Manchester, 138, over four rounds. . . . Ray Roberts, Macclesfield, 143, knocked out Stan Turner, North Shields, 147, in the third.

LEYTON.—Ron Barton, West Ham, 171, goes from strength to strength, his latest victim being the Trinidad heavyweight Sammy Mercier, 188½, who was knocked out in the second of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Ron Hinson, Dagenham, 136½, stopped Rufus Cobson, Gold Coast, 135½, in the second. . . . Jack Armstrong, West Africa, 146½, knocked out Vic Auguste, Trinidad, 154½, in the first. . . . Peter Hill, Leyton, 135, outpointed Jimmy McLaghlan, Hackney, 138, over six. . . . Don Sleet, Leyton, 149¾, and Bobby Callaghan, Borough, 151½, drew over six. . . . The fight had been one of great intensity with both boys slugging it out for the whole distance, and it is to be sincerely regretted that Callaghan afterwards collapsed in his dressing room and later died in hospital from a head injury. "May His Soul Rest in Peace."

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB. Alan Sillett, 118, knocked out George Dougan, Greenock, 120, in the first round. . . . Andy Baird, Birmingham, 137½, outpointed Terry Murphy, Hoxton, 137½, over six. . . . Joe Odus, Nigeria, 127½, outpointed Johnny Moore, Highbury, 125, over six. . . . Harry Haydock, British Guiana, 140, knocked out Hugh O'Donnell, Herne Bay, 140, in the first. . . . Morry White, Dartford, 142, outpointed Phil McCoy, Notting Hill, 140½, in their six rounder. . . . Bert Giles, Linton, 124½, and Albert Stokes, Battersea, 125, drew over six.

BIRMINGHAM. Ron Perry, Stallbridge, 117½, outpointed Ogli Tettey, Gold Coast, 115½, over eight rounds. . . . Terry McDonald, Cudworth, 206, knocked out Nick Fisher, Nantymoel, 196, in the second. . . . Johnny Delmore, Leeds, 138, knocked out Stan Underhill, Birmingham, 136, in the second. . . . Billy Wallage, Beeston, 140, outpointed Johnny King, Birmingham, 143, over six. . . . Ken Barley, Birmingham, 146, outpointed Denny Bonser, Wolverhampton, 148, over four rounds.

WATFORD. Ken Rowlands, Luton, 172½, won over Ted Morgan, Worcester, 175, when the later was ruled out for alleged holding in the fifth. . . . Denny Taylor, High Wycombe, 160, outpointed Alex Gurton, 157, over six. . . . Cyril Evans, Welwyn, 132½, and Sammy Odell, Nigeria, 132½, put up a terrific battle for five rounds before a cut eyebrow ended the bout in Odell's favor. . . . Tommy Hill, Chiswick, 172½, outpointed Freddie Balio, West Africa, over six. . . . Frank Mann, West Africa, 130½, stopped Tony Young, Camberwell, 130½, in the second round.

CARDIFF. Jake Tuli, Johannesburg, 113½, stopped Henk Van der Zee, Holland, in the sixth of a scheduled ten rounder. . . . Ritchie Jenkins, Cardiff, outpointed Larry McShane, Glasgow, over eight rounds in a featherweight bout. . . . Don Sainsbury, Cardiff, 168, outpointed Ken Gardner, Newport, 175, over six. . . . Willie Lloyd, Brecon, outpointed Parry Dando, Newbridge, over eight rounds. . . . Dick Davies, Caerphilly, 138, knocked out Peter Bunt, Pontypridd, 140, in the sixth. . . . Andy Andrews, Cardiff, 150½, beat Beau Griffiths, Bridgend, 150, the bout being stopped in the fourth.

LEEDS. Hogan Bassey, Nigeria, 124, outpointed Aime de Vish, Belgium, 127, over eight. . . . George Happe, Bethnal Green, 149, drew with Sany Manuel, Nigeria, 141, over eight. . . . Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 149, outpointed Santos Martins, Nigeria, 147, over eight. . . . Ola Enoch, Nigeria, 119, outpointed Mickey O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, 119¾, over eight. . . . Eddie Williams, Huddersfield, 175, stopped Ken Burt, Doncaster, 175, in the fourth. . . . Trevor Sykes, Huddersfield, 147, won over Cliff Lawrence, Huddersfield, 147, in an exciting six rounder.

HARRINGAY ARENA. Sammy McCarthy, British featherweight champion, 127¾, boxed and fought very well to outpoint the tough Gold Coaster, Roy Ankarah, 127¾, over ten fierce and furious rounds. Ankarah, although not the all-action force he was, is still no slough in the ring, and it took all McCarthy's cleverness and speed to stay ahead, a job he did very well.

Ron Barton, West Ham, 174, stopped Jimmy Davis, Bethnal Green, 175, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder, the referee halting the bout after Davis had taken several long counts and was in no fit condition to continue.

Nazzareno Giannelli, European flyweight champion, 113, was extremely lucky to defeat Jake Tuli, Johannesburg, 113, when after being behind on points the referee called a halt to the bout in the Italian's favor, when Tuli had suffered a badly gashed eyebrow during the fourth round.

Terence Murphy, Canning Town, 161, and Lew Lazar, Aldgate, 159½, went at it hammer and tongs for their eight round get together, and after a sensational contest the referee called it a draw . . . and rightly so.

Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, 170¾, knocked out Wim Snoek, Dutch light-heavyweight champion, 170¾, in the third of a scheduled eight rounder.

Among the other supporting bouts at Harringay Arena, Dave Charnley, Dartford, 129, stopped Pat McCoy, Galway, 129½, in the sixth. . . . Henry Cooper, Bellingham, 189, knocked out Denny Ball, Bedford, 207, in the third. . . . Bob Gardner, Market Harborough, 201, stopped Jim Cooper, Bellingham, 191¾, in the first round when an early flurry of blows caused a cut over Cooper's left eye.

MARYLEBONE. Arthur Howard, Islington, 175½, knocked out Willie Schagen, Holland, 173½, in the third. . . . Peter Waterman, Clapham, 146¾, knocked out Bernie Newcombe, Dagenham, 146, in the fourth. . . . Ronnie Gill, Bethnal Green, 145½, outpointed Dennis Read, Norwood, 148¼, over eight. . . . Johnny Read, Norwood, 161, stopped Jack Johnson Cofie, Gold Coast, 161½, in the sixth. . . . Dennis Hinson, Dagenham, 137½, outpointed Ron McLaren, Hayes, 136, in a fast six rounder. . . . Billy Kernan, Shepherds Bush, 141½, outpointed Vic Smith, Croydon, 145, over six.

WILLENHALL. Frankie Parkes, Midlands lightweight champion, 137½, outpointed Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 137½, over eight rounds. . . . Jimmy Lynas, Coventry, 161, and Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, 161, drew over six. . . . Peter Cobblah, Gold Coast, 140, outpointed Jackie Dyer, Bolton, 140, over six. . . . Jakey Sowah, Gold Coast, 128, stopped Dennis Cahill, Belfast, 126, in the second. . . . Ray Corbett, Birmingham, 135, knocked out Ron Bernard, Carlisle, 137, in the first. . . . Tex Williams, Carlisle, 146, knocked out Peter Lowe, Rugby, 147, in the first.

EAST KIRKBY. Billy Cobb, Chesterfield, 141, scored a sensational last round kayo over Jeff Walters, Scarborough, 137, with a perfectly delivered right to the chin.

BELFAST. Paddy Graham, Belfast, 139, stopped John Ward, Glasgow, 140, in the fourth. . . . Jimmy Hughes, Belfast, 134½, knocked out Eddie Bamber, 135½, in the third. . . . Eddie Wiegleb, Belfast, 129½, stopped Bob Geary, Belfast, 127½, in the first. . . . Harry Stamford, Belfast, 138½, knocked out Eddie Fitzsimons, Belfast, 138, in the first. . . . Barney Friel, Belfast, 124, knocked out Dave Boyd, Belfast, 123, in the first.

BLACKPOOL. David Gogotya, South Africa, 122, knocked out Johnny Haywood, Nottingham, 126, in the third. . . . Brian Clarkson, Liverpool, 136, outpointed Andy Monahan, Southport, 136, over six. . . . Ray Danbridge, Huddersfield, 139, outpointed George Pashby, Oswestry, 136, over four. . . . Jack Skelley, Belfast, 137, notched a six rounds win over Tommy Waterworth, Golbourne, 136, and Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 135, stopped Eddie Monahan, Southport, 134½, in the third.

BELFAST. Al Sharpe, Belfast, 134½, outpointed Johnny Delmore, Leeds, 141, over eight rounds. . . . Dennis Yearby, Leeds,

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(to January 10, 1955)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Don Cockell (E)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	George Barnes (A)
2. Earl Walls (C)	Randy Turpin (E)	Pat McAteer (E)	Hector Constance (T)
3. Johnny Williams (E)	Alex Buxton (E)	Les Allen (E)	Wally Thom (E)
4. James J. Parker (D)	Ed Polly Smith (B)	Gordon Hazell (E)	Vincent O'Kine (WA)
5. Jack Gardner (E)	Ron Barton (E)	Mike Holt (SA)	Attu Clottey (WA)
6. Ken Grady (A)	Arthur Howard (E)	Eddie Thomas (SA)	George Happe (E)
7. Ansel Adams (T)	Chub Keith (NZ)	Willie Armstrong (S)	Peter King (E)
8. Joe Bygraves (E)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Abe Quartey (WA)	Hugh Serville (T)
9. Johnny Arthur (SA)	Albert Finch (E)	Charley Chase (C)	Peter Waterman (E)
10. Ron Harman (E)	Jimmy Davis (E)	Pran Mikus (A)	Gerald Dreyer (SA)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Richie Howard (C)	Sammy McCarthy (E)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dai Dower (W)
2. Armand Savoie (C)	Billy Kelly (I)	Bobby Sinn (A)	Jake Tuli (SA)
3. Pat Ford (A)	Roy Ankrah (WA)	Willie Toweel (SA)	Eric Marsden (E)
4. Joe Lucy (E)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Mannie Francis (WA)	Frank Bennett (A)
5. Frank Johnson (E)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	George O'Neill (I)	Vince Blake (A)
6. Ivor Germain (BG)	Alby Tissong (SA)	Eddie Carson (S)	Eddie O'Connor (I)
7. Al Brown (BG)	Charley Hill (S)	Kevin James (A)	Jimmy Quinn (S)
8. Johnny Butterworth (E)	Charley Tucker (E)	Fernand Gagnon (C)	Jerry Jooste (SA)
9. J. van Rensburg (SA)	Teddy Peckham (E)	Ron Johnson (E)	Taffy Hancock (A)
10. B. Nieuwenhuisen (SA)	Russell Sands (A)	Ola Enoch (WA)	Tiny Corbett (SA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Barbados; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (NZ) New Zealand; (W) Wales; (GC) Gold Coast; (WA) West Africa; (TO) Tonga.

152½, stopped Gerry Hassett, Belfast, in the fourth. . . . Garnett Denny, Belfast, 191, stopped Colin Strauch, South Africa, 185, in the seventh. . . . Peter Masters, Belfast, 128½, outpointed Arty White, Belfast, 129½, over six. . . . Benny Vaun, Belfast, 124½, outpointed Albert Stokes, Battersea, 128, over six.

WEMBLEY TOWN HALL. Freddie Reardon, Downham, 128¼, outpointed Glyn Evans, Askern, 127, over eight rounds. . . . Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 147, drew with Norman Saunders, Croydon, 149½, over eight rounds. . . . Gerry McNally, Liverpool, 164, outpointed Freddie Balio, West Africa, 159½, over six. . . . Sammy Odell, West Africa, 130½, outpointed Roy Paine, Notting Hill, 130½, over six. . . . Bernie Jelley, Westminster, 199¾, stopped Mick Stachini, Romford, 187¼, in the sixth. . . . Ron Eagles, Evesham, 132½, outpointed Bobbie O'Niell, Belfast, 129, over six.

WALSALL. Joe Erskine, Cardiff, 194½, outpointed Cliff Purnell, Bath, 193½, over eight. . . . Teddy Best, Cardiff, 136, stopped Roy Coles, Weston-Super-Mare, 131, in the fifth. . . . Teddy Barker, Swindon, 128, stopped George Clay, Nottingham, 127½, in the second. . . . Teddy Barrow, Swansea, 144, outpointed George Harrison, Shirebrook, 140, over six rounds. . . . Ken Barley, Birmingham, 147, outpointed Matt Gillis, Nottingham, 153, over four rounds.

PAISLEY. Charlie Hill, Cambuslang, 124, won the vacant Scottish featherweight championship, when he outpointed Chic Brogan, Clydebank, 125, over twelve rounds. . . . Jimmy Quinn, Kirkintilloch, 111, retained his Scottish flyweight championship when he stopped Joe Cairney, Coatbridge, 109, in the fourth. . . . Roy Macgregor, Glasgow, 142, won the Scottish welterweight championship when he outpointed Danny Harvey, Glasgow, 146, over twelve rounds. . . . Willie Armstrong, Port Glasgow, 154, outpointed George Dilkes, South Elmshall, 160, over eight. . . . Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 126, knocked out George Lamont, Glasgow, 128, in the third. . . . Jimmy Croll, Dundee, 147, outpointed Bobby Johnson, Plymouth, 148, over eight.

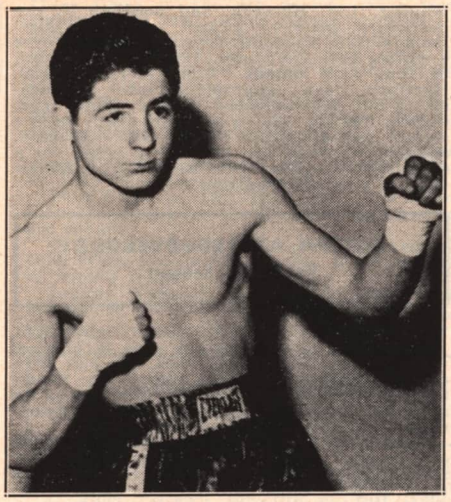
LIVERPOOL STADIUM. Pat McAteer, Birkenhead, 158, won his final eliminator for the British middleweight title, when he outpointed Les Allen, Bedworth, 158, over twelve rounds. Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 136½, outpointed Al Sharpe, Belfast, 136, over eight rounds. . . . Emrys Jones, Oswestry, 137, outpointed Del Willis, Manchester, 138, over six rounds. . . . David Gogotya, South Africa, 123, stopped Laurie McShane, Glasgow, 128, in the second. . . . Bill Connor, St. Helens, 138, outpointed Kurt Ernst, Exeter, 139, over six rounds. . . . Trevor Sykes, Huddersfield, 142, outpointed Denny Bonsor, Wolverhampton, 148, over four rounds.

MANCHESTER. Johnny Williams, Rugby, 195, stopped Francis Couret, France, 181½, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Jack Gardner, Market Harborough, 216½, stopped Lucien Touzard, France, 193, in the fourth, when the latter suffered a badly gashed eyebrow. . . . Frank Johnson, Manchester, 135, had to fight hard to outpoint Johnny Butterworth, Rochdale, 133¼, over twelve rounds. . . . Don Duncombe, Jersey, 160½, outpointed Eddie Thomas, Merthyr, 156, over eight rounds. . . . Andy Monahan, Southport, 133, outpointed Nyarku Ankrah, Gold Coast, 126, over eight rounds. . . . Mickey Flanagan, Birkenhead, 137, outpointed Vince Marshall, Manchester, 135½, over eight rounds.

BELFAST. British bantamweight champion Peter Keenan, Glasgow, 117½, retained his title when he outpointed challenger George O'Niell, Belfast, 117¼, over fifteen rounds. Billy 'Spider' Kelly, British Empire featherweight champion, 128, outpointed Juan Alvarez, Belgium, 126, over ten rounds. . . . John McNally, Belfast, 125, stopped Joe King, Belfast, 127½, in the first round. . . . Paddy Slavin, Belfast, 193¼, knocked out Sammy Mercier, Trinidad, 190, in the third. . . . Tommy McMenemy, Belfast, 136, and Don McTaggart, Glasgow, 136½, drew over eight rounds. . . . Jimmy Carson, Belfast, 119½, stopped Bob Skinkiss, Manchester, 119, in the second.

BLACKPOOL. Ron Hinson, Dagenham, 137, stopped Dick Knox, Motherwell, 137, in the seventh of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Tommy Cochrane, Blackpool, 140, outpointed Jack Skelley, Belfast, 138, over eight rounds. . . . Percy James, Southport, 130, and Bobby Gill, Birkenhead, 135, drew over six. . . . Les Radliffe, Ormskirk, 140, won over Ron Barnard, Carlisle, 138, the latter being disqualified for alleged butting in the second. . . . Eddie Williams, Huddersfield, 173, stopped Alec Fields, Leeds, 174, in the second.

HANLEY. Peter Bates, Sheffield, 196, outpointed Simon Templar, Jamaica, 230, over eight rounds. . . . Joe Plant, Hanley, 175¾, stopped Jimmy Lindley, Doncaster, 168, in the fourth, when Lindley received a badly cut eyebrow. . . . Johnny King, Birmingham, 151¼, also suffered a badly cut eyebrow, and was forced to retire in the third round of his contest with Andy Lambert, Manchester, 140½. . . . Ray Corbett, Birmingham, 141¾, outpointed Brian Jelley, Manchester, 144, over six rounds.



Peter Keenan, British bantamweight champion, retained his crown by outpointing challenger George O'Neill in Belfast.

SPAULDING. George Connors, Islington, 115, outpointed Billy Gibson, Fishguard, 117, over eight rounds. . . . Ken Lavender, Whittlesey, 163, outpointed Eddie Teal, Army, 156, over six rounds. . . . Gerald Futter, Lincoln, 127, outpointed Bertie Giles, Cambridge, 126, over six rounds. . . . Jack Simms, Mansfield, 148, and Colin Stables, Doncaster, 142, drew over six rounds. . . . Ken Burt, Doncaster, 175½, outpointed Jack Bates, Kimberly, 185, over six rounds.

EPSOM. Norman Saunders, Croydon, 151, and Ron Kensington, Tooting, 149, drew over eight rounds. . . . Al Allotey, Gold Coast, 175½, stopped Johnny Smith, Portsmouth, 175¼, in the third round. . . . Jimmy Cardew, Holloway, 117, outpointed Tommy Gillen, Hayes, 120½, over eight. . . . Tommy Cardew, Holloway, 123½, outpointed Albert Stokes, Battersea, 124½, over six. . . . Vic Smith, Croydon, 143, outpointed Teddy Searle, Hackney, 143½, over six rounds. . . . Roy Shaffren, Hayes, 162½, stopped Al Wilson, Jamaica, 161¾, in the fourth.

NEWCASTLE. Peter Bates, Sheffield, 195, outpointed Cliff Purnell, Timsbury, 197½, over eight rounds. . . . Jack London, West Hartlepool, 176½, outpointed Ernie Martland, Askearn, 163½, over six. . . . Peter Smith, Huddersfield, 149½, outpointed Ken Regan, Blackpool, 147, over eight rounds. . . . Eric Ludlam, Sheffield, 173½, outpointed Eric Metcalfe, Northwich, 172, over six rounds. . . . Tex Williams, Carlisle, 147¾, outpointed Jock Macauley, Heddon, 147¼, over four rounds.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB. Dennis Hinson, Dagenham, 135½, knocked out Johnny Hudson, Covent Garden, 138, in the third. . . . Vic Glenn, Glasgow, 108, outpointed Ron Hughes, Romford, 114, over six rounds. . . . Pat McAllister, Belfast, 160¼, outpointed Arnim Cumberland, Trinidad, 159, over six rounds. . . . Harry Haydock, British Guiana, 140¾, knocked out Tony Brazil, Brighton, 142, in the third. . . . Ronnie Neale, Bow, 127½, outpointed Denny Dennis, Woolwich, 129, over six rounds. . . . Morry White, Dartford, 142½, knocked out Stan Perkins, Forest Gate, 143½, in the second.

BELFAST. Sammy Hamilton, 151, outpointed Harry Warner, Dagenham, 154, over eight rounds. . . . Pat Marley, Belfast, 133, stopped Jim Fisher, Belfast, 129, in the third when Fisher received a badly gashed eyebrow. . . . Brian Spence, Lisburn, 168, stopped Cliff Garvey, Dundalk, 158, in the fifth. . . . Neil Megarry, Belfast, 140½, knocked out Harry Stanford, Belfast, 139½, in the second. . . . Sammy Summers, Belfast, 131, and Jim Hughes, Belfast, 137½, drew over six rounds.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM. Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 161¾, won a convincing eight rounder over Gino Menozzi, France, 161, after making the running throughout and maintaining an early points lead by good boxing.

Ola Enoch, Nigeria, 117, stopped Mickey Roche, Dublin, 118, in the sixth of an eight rounder when Roche retired with a damaged left eyebrow. . . . Len Lowther, Sheffield, 156, outpointed Harry Warner, Dagenham, 157, over six rounds. . . . Ricky Simmons, Birkenhead, 133, outpointed Jack Skelly, Belfast, 138, over four. . . . George Pashby, Oswestry, 136, knocked out Jim Cottrill, Mold, 138, in the second.

MIDDLESBOROUGH. Sandy Manuel, Nigeria, 141¾, stopped Malcolm Pidgeon, South Bank, 150, in the first of a scheduled eight rounder. Pidgeon was dropped for several long counts before the referee intervened. . . . Billy Taylor, Thornaby, 145, outpointed Dave Underwood, Plymouth, 147, over eight rounds. . . Tommy Hilton, Rochdale, 161, won over Bob Conway, Stockton, 163, when the later was disqualified for an alleged low blow. . . . Peter Lancaster, Middlesborough, 130, knocked out Joe Mallon, Stockton, 122½, in the first. . . . Mickey Davison, Sunderland, 138½, knocked out Colin Stirzaker, South Bank, 140, in the second.

BLACKPOOL. Pat McCoy, Galway, 132, knocked out Pat McCarthy, Birkenhead, 130, in the third. . . . Brian Clarkson, Liverpool, 137, outpointed Andy Monahan, Southport, 136, over six rounds. . . . Harry Harvey, Leicester, 168, won from Eddie Williams, Huddersfield, 170, the referee disqualifying Williams in the third. . . . George Clay, Nottingham, 128, outpointed Stan Gee, St. Helens, 127, over six. . . . Ray Danbridge, Huddersfield, 135, stopped Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 131, in the fourth.

BELFAST. Joe Quinn, Belfast, 126, won the Northern Ireland featherweight championship, when he stopped Billy Smith, Bangor, 125, in the seventh of a scheduled twelve rounder. . . . Johnny King, Belfast, 151, stopped Billy Andrews, Lisburn, 163½, in the second. Peter Duffy, Belfast, 136½, stopped Neil Megarry, Belfast, 134, in the second. . . . Paddy Quail, Belfast, 131, knocked out Jim Hughes, Belfast, 133½, in the second. . . . Arty White, Bangor, 128½, drew over six with Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 132. . . . Benny Vaun, Belfast, 116¾, outpointed Barney Friel, Belfast, 123, over six.

BELFAST. Terry Fields, Belfast, 135, knocked out Harry Stanford, Belfast, 137, in the first. . . . Dave Walsh, Belfast, 127, outpointed Joe Roylston, Derry, 123¾, over six. . . . Jim Loughrey, Derry, 114, stopped Al Kenny, Belfast, 105, in the fifth. . . . Gerry McManus, Belfast, 157, stopped Pat Milligan, Derry, 146, in the first. . . . Willie Johnston, Belfast, 147½, stopped Jim Maskey, Belfast, 143¾, in the second.

WEMBLEY TOWN HALL. Ron Crookes, Sheffield, 176½, came in as a last minute substitute and outpointed Al Allotey, Gold Coast, 175½, after eight fierce rounds. . . . Mickey O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, 121½, knocked out Ron Perry, Stalybridge, 120½, in the fifth. . . . Sid Cain, Watford, 178½, outpointed Tommy Hill, Chiswick, 173, over six rounds. . . . Teddy Searle, Hackney, 146¾, knocked out Duggie Moore, Finedon, 147, in the fourth. . . . Don Williams, Southall, 156½, stopped Ron Dibbons, Blaina, 150, in the third, when the latter was forced to retire with a sprained ankle

BELFAST. Roy Baird, Birmingham, 146½, won the Northern Ireland welterweight crown when he stopped Mickey O'Niell, Belfast, 146½, in the fifth of a scheduled twelve rounds. . . . Sammy Hamilton, Belfast, 149, was outpointed by Santos Martins, Nigeria, 146½, over eight round. . . . Al Sharpe, Belfast, 137½, knocked out Jim Hamilton, Belfast, 137, in the sixth. . . . Pat McAllister, Belfast, 158¼, stopped Johnny King, Belfast, 154, in the fourth. . . . Pat Marley, Belfast, 133, outpointed Jackie Willis, Lisburn, 137½, over eight rounds.

BELFAST. Leo McCutcheon, Lisburn, 131½, stopped Terry Fields, Belfast, 137½, in the third. . . . John McCue, Lisburn, 172, knocked out Noel Lamont, Belfast, 167, in the third. . . . Charlie Boyle, Belfast, 143, stopped Johnny Blakely, Belfast, 143, in the third. . . . Brian Finnegan, Belfast, 133, outpointed Bobbie O'Niell, Belfast, 130½, over six rounds. . . . Harry Hunter, Belfast, 129½, outpointed Harry Johnston, Belfast, 126, over six.

BLACKPOOL. Willie Lloyd Brecon, 138, and Brian Jelley, Bury, 139½, fought hard for eight rounds before Lloyd took a narrow points decision. . . . Andy Monahan, Southport, 136½, stopped Dick Knox, Motherwell, 136, in the third. . . . Bobby Gill, Birkenhead, 140, outpointed Jack Skelley, Belfast, 140, over six. . . . Andy Lambert, Manchester, 140, outpointed Tex Williams, Carlisle, 144, over six rounds.

WEST VIRGINIA WALLOPS
By Mickey Davies

NOEL HUMPHREYS, the Mountain State's leading lightweight aspirant, is looking great after a sojourn with the Army in Korea. "Noey" is down to 133 pounds, and is gradually whipping himself into tip top condition.

West Virginia personalities of yesteryear and their whereabouts. . . . The following boys are still around Huntington: Johnny Roberts, the powerful punching boxer, who competed in over 400 contests. . . . Dick McDonie, free swinging feather and lightweight of the late 20's and thirties . . . Dick Pogue, pretty ill at this writing, suffering from diabetes and a cardiac condition . . . Johnny Brizendine, Lonnie Bowden, Pat Scanlon, Roughhouse Dean, Tommy Thuma, Jack Sharkey, Bill Edge, Harry (Marine) DeVore, Clyde Roberts, Jimmy Blankenship, all reside in Huntington . . . Bobby Grant, Holly (Kid) Allen, Bob LaLance, Don Sansom, Ralph Bumpas, Johnny Devlin, Harry Forbes, Floyd Forbes, Pee Wee Carney, Jack Kearns, live in the capital city of Charleston . . . The Columbo brothers, very successful businessmen in Clarksburg . . . Mike Kearney and Pedro Lopez deceased . . . George K. Brown, Wheeling manager and promoter, reportedly in Arizona for his health . . . Aubrey (Kid) Martin, Willie Yap and Benny Adams have passed away . . . Custer Perry residing in Asheville, N. C. . . . Brother Cody out in L. A. . . . Likewise Lewis (Kid) Cook (right on Sunset Strip, we might add). . . . Russ Rowsey a resident of Florida. . . . Marshal Lupo operates an eatery in his native Fairmont . . . His old partner Hosey Wyer passed away several seasons back . . . Jack Sheppard calls both Portsmouth, Ohio and Huntington, West Va. "home" these days . . . Harvey Mitchell living in the Steel City of Pittsburgh . . . Billy Mason, dead from recent accidental electrocution . . . Lefty Miser down Cincy way . . . Fitzie Fitzpatrick reportedly in Las Vegas . . . Cooper White still in Beckley . . . Johnny Edwards and son Tom live in sunny California . . . Mike Raffa, the Newell feather star of a decade ago, when last heard from was suffering from a diabetics condition . . . Big John Parker, the ponderous Huntington heavy who fought 'em all back in the early 1930's passed away two years ago . . . Dr. Edwin B. (Ned) Adams, the state's leading fighter pilot back in the good 'ole days, still has a wide practice in Huntington.

BOXING IN SOUTH TEXAS
By Harlan Haas

NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR is now spoken of in past tense, and while fewer fights were held in the Lone Star State, mainly because of Houston being dark, we did have many fine shows. There were numerous tonotch prospects, first year boys, who made rapid strides in the right direction.

Among the most promising youngsters to come along in 1954 are Don Howard Tucker, heavyweight; Elvin Green, lightheavy; Eugene Cooper, middleweight; George Carter, welter; Charles Beasley, welter; Ray Riojas, lightweight; Marvin "Ace" Droddy, lightweight; and Leo Gonzales, lightweight.

My nomination as Texas' BEST PROSPECT OF 1954 goes to Ray Riojas, genial Gene Ritchmond's dynamic punching youngster from Fort Worth. Riojas, a 135 pounder, was two times State Golden Glove champion prior to entering the Army. He was the World's Army lightweight champion, and holds so many medals and titles that it would be futile to attempt to list them all. Ray was discharged from the Army in September, and commencing his pro career in November, his power laden fists applied the sleep producer to Frenchy Labouve, Bobby Garza, Johnny Dale, Mike Turcot, and Manuel Munoz. Riojas is definitely a boy to watch, he's aggressive, he's durable, and he has that killer instinct which plays such a vital role in the makeup of all great fighters.

Richard McClendon, Houston real estate dealer and former manager of Chief Gordon House, has signed Paul Jorgensen to a contract. To date Jorgensen has 18 victories with but 3 losses.

Corpus Christi. Before a sparse gathering, Harold "Baby Face" Jones, 145, the Detroit southpaw, ended his initial Texas campaign by scoring an eight round TKO over dangerous Tino "The Bull" Longoria, 152, of Houston. The Bayou City Bull was at his best, but Jones opened an old cut over the right eye early in the fight, and in the seventh Longoria suffered a badly busted beak which bled profusely. He was unable to come out for the eighth.

Don Howard Tucker, 210, Kingsville, exploded a right hand on the jaw of tall Paul Wagner, 185, Houston, and needless to say hostilities came to a halt. Marvin "Ace" Droddy, 135, Houston, breezed to a win over a willing Pete Carrizales, 135, Corpus Christi, in four fast rounds. Guy Guerrette, 150, Hartford, Conn., swarmed all over a courageous but inexperienced Danny Dunn, 152, Corpus Christi, who was counted out in the second round. Elvin Green, 165, Houston, appeared to have won but had to settle for a draw with capable Norris Russell, 158, Kingsville, in four bristling rounds.

ACTION AT ALBUQUERQUE
By Johnny Seubert

WELL, Lauro Salas, former lightweight champ, didn't lose any time in proving to the fistic world that his loss here on November 24th via a "foul" to Sonny Straus, San Diego lightweight, was as whacky a ruling against him as he will probably receive throughout his entire career.

Salas got sweet revenge for that loss when on December 20th he and his astute manager Roger Leighton arranged for a rematch, this time in Los Angeles. This time Lauro evidently taking no chances of a recurrence of what happened in his Albuquerque fight wrecked the latter when he belted him to the canvas for what would have been for keeps had the third round bell not saved his opponent from being counted out then.

We still maintain that causing Salas to lose this fight on a "deliberate" foul in view of the existing circumstances is a gross injustice to him and it is too bad that the record books will show it as such. We believe that newly-appointed local Boxing Commissioner "Louie" Valencia should acquaint himself thoroughly with the governing rules, regulations and requisites of that position. Salas since hitting the "comeback" trail has to date scored four kayoes in five fights. We hope for the sake of local pro boxing these conditions are soon corrected.

Andy Ortiz, likeable and popular local Golden Glover, and winner of the 1952-53 AAU district middleweight champ, now in the Air Force in Florida, has just been voted the most outstanding amateur fighter in that state by virtue of his flattening the all-Army champ in 23 seconds of the first round in the Florida AAU finals. The latter state's sports writers selected Andy for the annual trophy award and the writer, along with all New Mexican fight fans, extend to him our heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

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IOWA, SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

SIOUX CITY, Ia.—Between 40 and 50 amateur boxers are working out daily at two gymnasiums here in preparation for the 21st annual Sioux City Golden Gloves tournament which will be held in the Sioux City auditorium. Elsewhere in this area other groups of amateurs are going through training preliminary to entering sectional meets or to compete here directly. Over the big muddy in Nebraska, boxers are working out at Macy, Winnebago and Ponca and South Sioux City. South Dakota will be represented with teams from Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Mitchell, Madison, Brookings, Winner and Phil Soliday, boxing coach at the University of South Dakota reports that it is very likely that Vermillion, South Dakota will be represented by a team from the University as several boys are in training.

Included in the group are Larry Dodson, quarterback on this year's university football team, who expects to box as a welterweight; Andy Aberle, lightweight champion of the university in 1948, who has just been released from the army and Leroy Gabriel, heavyweight, who lost to Charles Woods, champion, in last year's Sioux City semifinals, James Ried, middleweight who lost in the semifinals here last year, also a student at the University of South Dakota many enter the sectional to be held at South Sioux City, his home town.

George Parnassus, Sioux City sports promoter and manager of several top ranking fighters has announced the opening of the 1955 wrestling season in the Sioux City auditorium. Wrestling is still one of top indoor attractions, brings in fans for distances of 100 to 150 miles around Sioux City. Several times during the 1954 season tickets were sold out several days in advance of card.

Ringside News and Gossip . . . Pinkie George, veteran Des Moines wrestling promoter, former president of the National Wrestling Alliance and a present member of the board of directors is a happy fellow these days . . . Pinkie is one of 300 men of Greek ancestry chosen from the entire world by King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece to become a member of the Order of Knights of Thermopylae. George's father, Louis and his son Paul have also been named. They are descendants of the famous Greek family Georgakopoules whose patrimony hails from historic Sparta and the battle of Thermopylae. George and his family will go to Greece late in spring to be knighted by their Majesties and take part in the international ceremonies.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS. . . . In all of our 35 years in the boxing sport I have never seen such a complete loss of the small boxing clubs in this area. . . . It was only a few years ago that 25 such clubs were in operation around Sioux City within a radius of 50 to 100 miles. There was plenty of work for the youngsters with every club having a potential champion. . . . To-day we have a raft of amateur boxers with no professional boxing clubs for these youngsters who wish to enter the pro ranks . . . to try out their fistic talents for pay dirt. . . . Remember our address is 2206 N. Lafayette Street, Sioux City, Iowa. . . . We are swamped with requests from wrestling fans around the country and foreign readers too for a copy of the weekly wresting program put out here. . . . We will be glad to mail readers a free copy if you will inclose a stamped address envelope. . . . Send your requests to the above address. See you next month.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIGHT NEWS
By Hyman E. Goldstein

FRANKIE COCKRELL, Los Angeles, 141, put on a surprising battle against Santiago Esteban, Walsenburg, Colo., 138, in the 10-round headliner of a boxing program staged in Pueblo, Colo.

Cockrell battered Esteban badly in the first two rounds and Santaigo appeared to be a defeated man at the end of the second. But a ring rope which broke during one of the preceding preliminary bouts was repaired at the end of the fourth round and the time taken out by the repairmen to patch up the broken middle-rope gave the dazed Esteban the extra rest period he badly needed to regain his faculties and strength. Although the next six rounds were fairly even Esteban received the decision. There were no knockdowns.

Cecil Schoonmaker, Los Angeles featherweight, won an 8-round decision over Paul Smith of Denver.

Joe Moreno, Pueblo, and Benny Montoya, Walsenburg, drew, 4 rounds. John Gillespie, Fort Carson, decisioned John Sanchez, Denver, 4 rounds. Al Ferguson, Fort Carson KO'd Artie Mack, Denver, second round.

Heinie Schuman, a really good junior welterweight of 1920, originally out of Denver but a long time resident of Cheyenne, Wyo., who fought such old time ring stars as Dave Shade, Travie Davis, Joe Benjamin, is in business in Cheyenne and is doing well, thank you.

Muggsy Schoell, another old timer, who fought in the lightweight division, in the Joe Gans-Battling Nelson-Ad Wolgast era, and was one of the best drawing cards Cheyenne ever had, is hale and hearty and still working every day—although considering retirement very soon. Muggsy, a very popular Cheyenne citizen, fought the original Young Corbett in a scheduled 20 round bout in Cheyenne once—but lost by a kayo in the 15th.

In a recent boxing program staged in Denver, Red Martinez, Denver bantamweight, won a 10 round decision over Teddy Robert of St. Louis, Mo. Martinez held a slight edge in the majority of the rounds.

Auburn Copeland, now of Albuquerque, won a decision over Paul Smith of Denver in the semiwindup bout. Johnny Gillespie of Fort Carson decisioned Andy Maes of Denver.

Rocky Marciano refereed the semi-windup event and drew most of the $4,050 gate receipts the card drew, which was held in the Denver Mammoth Gardens auditorium.

Governor Thornton of Colorado appointed Leo J. Crowley, Denver Republican, to the Colorado State Athletic Commission on Dec. 30. The other members of the commission are John Finesilver of Denver, and Eddie Bohn of Denver. Bohn is the sole Democrat on the commission.

Crowley replaces Democrat Fritz Brenneke. He managed the old Denver Legion basketball team when it won the AAU championship in 1941. The new commissioner is 57, and is a World War I vet.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

IN the final boxing show of the 1954 season at Marigold Arena, the club's best drawing show. King Soloman, Chicago middleweight, got his ears pinned back in a good scrap. Joe Leudanski, a boxing stylist proved for the second time that he is too good for Soloman. This time the bout went seven rounds before Soloman was stopped. Leudanski was much too clever for the hard punching Soloman and scored with sharpshooting punches in almost every round.

In other bouts, Abe Cruz, Chicago welterweight, won a four spot from Major Woodson. Cloyd Ketcherside, beat Phil Williams in a lively welterweight contest going five rounds. Ron Stribling, Chicago 135 pounder drew in six heats with fellow townsman Johnny Hobbs. Louis Carr, 138, Chicago, won a fast five spot from Joe Reynolds, 140, St. Louis. The bouts were well balanced and Irv Schoenwald continues to do a good job of matchmaking.

DAVEY MOORE, 123½, fighting out of Chicago under the watchful eye of Johnny Coulon, former world's bantamweight champion, won the Ohio State featherweight title by knocking out Eddie Burgin, 125, Cincinnati, in the ninth round of a scheduled 12 round contest at Cincinnati. Moore can be booked through this writer.

LARRY WATSON, Omaha heavyweight, has signed a five year contract with Al DeRose and yours truly. Watson has beaten Danny Nardico, Curt Kennedy, Johnny Holman, and Westbury Bascom. He also fought a thriller with Ezzard Charles. Keep your eye on this boy for the coming year.

Illinois Selections in all divisions, for the year 1954 follow:

Heavyweight, Bob Satterfield, Lary Watson, Johnny Holman

Lightheavyweight, Johnny Gray, Bennie Thomas

Middleweight, Bobby Boyd, Al Andrews

Welterweight, Luther Rawlings, Al Andrews, Johnny Brown

Lightweight, Ron Stribling, Russ Tague, Valde Fusaro

Featherweight, Davey Moore, Pete Kawala, Dick Powell

Outstanding prospect, Joe Chibe, Chicago 175 pound youngster. . . . Activity at Johnny Coulon's club is at its highest. Joe Louis, former world's heavyweight champion is busy there daily training Paul Andrews, and Gil Turner. Both have improved 100 per cent since going under Louis. Also at Coulon's in training are Bob Satterfield, Bennie Thomas, Johnny Gray, Rocky Casillo, among other top professional fighters.

In the first boxing show of 1955 at Marigold Arena, Bobby Boyd, 163½, Chicago, won a unanimous 10 round decision over Bob Stecher, 165, Portland, Maine. Boyd won as he pleased throughout, although Stecher tried hard throughout. The gate was $1,340, with 780 fans attending. In the undercard, Eddie Sims, Chicago welterweight beat Cliff Williams, in six fast rounds. Lloyd Tripplett, Chicago middleweight stopped Frank McGarry, in five rounds. Syl Armstrong, 1954 Chicago City Golden Gloves lightheavyweight champion scored a T.K.O. LeRoy Miller, of Chicago, in the fifth round of of a scheduled sixer.

Tony Zale, the sensational former world's middleweight champion leaves on a good will U. S. O. tour of all Europe this month. Tony will visit the troops and cheer up the boys. Nice going, Tony.

ATTENTION PROMOTERS: Your truly has many outstanding fighters available for bookings. LARRY WATSON, an outstanding heavyweight who has beaten some of the top heavyweights is now ready. Contact me for all weights. Reach me at, 1006 Dakin Street, phone, Ambassador 2-2980, Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
With Pinky Mitchell
Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

THE largest fight crowd of the season (9130) that paid approximately $27,000 at the Milwaukee Arena, saw one of the most exciting fights of the year. It went seven rounds with Peter Mueller of Cologne, Germany getting a TKO verdict over Ernie Durando, of Bayonne, N. J. Although in full possession of his senses, referee Dauber Jaeger ruled that Durando still had one knee on the canvas at the count of 10. Durando had been down once before from a right to the jaw in the 5th round.

Durando, 158½, had Mueller, 158, down three times in the 4th round, twice from rights to the jaw. After getting up from the 2nd knockdown Mueller slipped back to the canvas. Manager Al Weill was quick to claim victory for his fighter but the referee ignored his protests.

Auburn Copeland, 129, New York, won unanimous decision over Arthur Portley, 126½, Milwaukee, eight rounds.

Norman Johnson, 137½, Milwaukee, stopped Dick Armstrong, 132¼, Dayton, Ohio, in 1:12 of the second round.

Paul Nicholas, 151, Milwaukee, won unaninous decision over Abe Cruz, 148½, Chicago, six rounds.

Cal Vernon, 186½, Milwaukee knocked out Dick Wess, Charleston, W. Va., in 39 seconds of second round.

Johnny Nicholas, 129½, Milwaukee, won unanimous decision over Cleo Weber, 133½, Chicago, four rounds.

NEBRASKA BOXING
By Floyd Hayes

OMAHA: The crash of a light plane near Phillips, Nebraska, on December 17, 1954 claimed the life of Bill Noble, Grand Island, Nebraska, heavyweight. His wife and 5 year old son also perished in the crash. Noble was piloting the plane and was on his way to Grand Island from Omaha. He was just ten minutes from his destination when the plane crashed.

This was the fourth Nebraska boxer to meet a tragic death in recent years. Vince Foster was killed in an auto accident, Sammy Wiliams was drowned and Don Lee was shot in a case of mistaken identity in a California motor court.

Noble attended high school at Grand Island High where he was a football star. Noble entered the University of Nebraska where he played freshman football and drew praise from the coach as one who would make a name for himself on the Nebraska gridiron. Noble then quit school and decided to fight professionally.

He started his pro career on April 20, 1951, and won all 9 of his bouts that year. In 1952 he had only eleven bouts, losing only one and that was at the hands of Omaha's Larry Watson. Watson scored a kayo in 6 rounds. In 1953 Noble entered the ring only three times, winning two and then was knocked out by Billy Smith at Chicago in 1 round. He had 23 bouts in his pro career, losing only 2.

He met his death at the age of 24 years.

Omaha has a new auditorium. The fight arena is a beauty to behold. There are no pillars in the place which makes each seat in the house a good one. The arena has 6,736 permanent concourse seats and space for four thousand seats on the floor level. The concourse seats are in three colors to speed the handling of crowds. The floor area is approximately 25,000 square feet. There is 6,200 square feet of space for supplemental services such as dressing rooms, locker rooms for ushers, press rooms and engineer's control room.

SEATTLE SWATS
By Mike Michael

BOXING is returning with a bang in the Northwest, due to the energetic work of Promoter Tex Salkeld who is ever eager to stage the type of shows that appeal to the public. His attractions during the past year did pretty good business for Tex and his plans for this year call for several main events in which the country's best talent will appear. With Harry Matthews retired, Salkeld's best drawing card is Pat McMurty, who since getting out of the Army has been travelling at top speed and has won twelve fights in a row as a pro.

In his latest bout McMurty stopped Kirby Seals in the second round after dropping him three times. The Los Angeles former All Navy title holder was no match for the Tacoma heavyweight who hopes shortly to make his initial bow in New York where the I. B. C. plans to sign him for a bout. McMurty is a youngster who seems destined to make the grade. He is a reminder right now of Bob Murphy and Rex Layne when they started their climb to big dough.

During the past weeks I had the pleasure of visiting the East to see how things are going on there and had a pleasant visit in The Ring Offices where the museum collection is worth seeing. While away on my vacation a number of our Northwestern boxers participated in national bouts but since these results appeared in The Ring, I won't repeat them now.

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RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

MEXICO CITY, over 3,000,000 population, soon will have a new sports arena. The building will cost close to two million dollars and have a 20,000 seating capacity. Boxing, wrestling, basketball, ice hockey and other shows are to be staged there. Inauguration will take place first or second quarter of 1955. It will be called the "Nueva Arena Mexico". The building is under construction partly on the land formerly occupied by a small place called "Arena Mexico", which gave origin to the fortune of the owners of both the "Arena Coliseo" and the new one.

Raton Macias was voted fighter of the year by the local Boxing Commission, because of his campaign throughout 1954, which culminated with his victory over Nate Brooks on September 26, thus becoming the North American champion.

Juanito Martinez, 131, outpointed Carlos Barragan, 133, in ten. Ramon Cruz, 109, also outpointed Jorge Morales, 115, in ten.

Baby Vazquez, 134, stopped Raul Esqueda, 135, in nine, to become the new national lightweight king. Papelero Sanchez, 135, got a decision over Jose Arguelles, 136, in the sixth of a scheduled ten round semifinal.

Rudy Coronado, 118, won a decision over Luis Villa, 118, in the sixth of a scheduled ten round main event, by disqualification. Villa was clearly winning the match so far and naturally the decision was not popular. Pepe Montes, 129, stopped Mario Mantecon, 132, in four.

Joe Castaneda, 145, outpointed Gabriel Diaz, 144, in a ten round main event which was the first match of an elimination contest to find a contender for the national welterweight title now in the hands of Tommy Lopez, also known by "El Conscripto". Ernesto Parra, 120, considered a good prospect, outpointed Kid Campeche, 120, in ten.

Memo Sanchez, 118, stopped Americo Rivera, 118, in six. Roberto Bolanos, 127, outpointed Ezequiel Uribe, 127, in ten also.

Pirrin Vega, 145, outpointed Julio Cesar Jiminez, 145, in ten. This was the second match of the elimination contest to find a contender for the national welterweight title. Beto Couary, 118, outpointed Roy Hernandez, 118, in ten.

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NEWS FROM LA LAGUNA, MEXICO
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

JOE Castañeda, the strong miner from Fresnillo, Zacatecas, considered as one of the most outstanding welterweight boys around La Laguna rings, found that Reyes López, Guadalajara champ, was too clever for him and when the 10th round ended the referee raised Reyes' arm giving him a clean-cut decision at León. However, Rocky Joe Castañeda took the train to Mexico City and fought Gabriel Díaz at the Arena Coliseo, washing up with leather Gabriel's body to win a decision after ten rounds.

During the month, only the Arena "Olímpica-Laguna" of Gómez Palacio, Dgo., opened their doors to boxing fans in La Laguna. It looks like that these promoters are controlling the business around the region. And in fact, this is good, because the hard competition was killing the fistic game in this Cotton Land of Mexico.

Gilbert and Emil Dipp, owners of the Arena "Olímpica-Laguna", have a very good matchmaker in the popular Fernando "Zapatero" Hernández.

Héctor García, 133, the young sensation from Durango, convincingly outpointed rough veteran Juan Leaños, 132, after ten bloody rounds. Héctor, a sharp puncher, cut Leaños' face, but the old warrior never went back. In a good ten-round semi, Augustín "Diablito" Campos, 117, decisioned classy Manuel "Ratón" Robles, 117. Antonio "Zorrito" Ramírez, 125, embalmed Enrique "Riñón" Espinoza, 127, in the first round of the 8-round special event.

Good win for Manuel Muñoz, clever lightweight of Torreón, when he spanked Pedro "La Dolorosa" Piña, 133, after ten unilateral rounds. The sparkling class of Manuel was too much for Piña's lethal punch. Muñoz canned his foe and floored him five times. In the 10-round semi, Manuel "Ratón" Robles, 117, easily decisioned Mario "Tizón" Ibarra, 116. Robles, a kid from Chavez, looks as a real prospect. And another newcomer, Fidel Lucero, 131, outclassed Pascual Jiménez, 130, in eight rounds.

To close this year's activities, Fernando "Zapatero" Hernández organized a benefit show to collect funds for the Poor Children Christmas Eve. All the money went to this charity committee which every year makes efforts to give a merry Christmas to the poor little kids who never see Santa around their humble homes.

Fidel Lucero, 134, beat Rafael Vázquez, 130, in four; Salvador "Chicharitos" Ruiz, 119, decisioned Tony Prieto, 122, in 4 rounds; Roberto González, 117, bested Horace Jasso, 119, also in four; Manuel Gómez, 126, kayoed Julio Pérez, 126, in two; Juan Collazo, 128, stopped Salvador Aguayo, 126, in the 2nd; Juan "Florero" Valdés, 117, TKO'd Manuel Saavedra, 117, in the fourth; Antonio Rodríguez, 126, iced Enrique García, 126, in one; Manuel Martínez, 137, outpointed Jesús Meléndez, 141, in four; Refugio Rodríguez, 137, and Raúl Márquez, 139, drew in four rounds.

"BOXING IN YUCATAN"
By Eduardo Amer G

HUNUCMA, YUCATAN: César "Borracho" Morales, 126, scored his ninth consecutive knockout, stopping Joe Ambrosio, 130, in the sixth.

CAMPECHE, CAMP: Pantera de Champoton, 140, beat Manuel Ravell, 139, of Merida, in 8 rounds; Luis Miranda, 118, of Merida, won a decision over Engodo de Campeche, 122, in eight rounds; Baby Orozco, 117, of Merida, bested Monito Flores, 117, in six.

CAMPECHE, CAMP: Gavilan Tabasqueño, 136, KO'd Bombero Aguilar, 130, of Merida, in four rounds; Yuyin Trejo, 131, of Merida, stopped Mario Louis, 131, in the second; Baby Valencia, 118, TKO'd Baby Mendez, 115, in 5 rounds.

MERIDA, YUC: Enrique Esqueda, 135, of Mexico City, KO'd Beto Carvajal, 135, in the second. Cesar "Borracho" Morales, 128, won as he pleased in ten from Gregorio "Baby" Santos, 127; Johnny Alcocer, 116, who is considered one of the brightest bantamweight prospects campaigning today, kayoed Kid Tepic, 115, in five; Joe Canto, 117, and Tony Salazar, 119, drew in six; Cubanito Gonzalez, 119, KO'd Baby Riverita, 116, in one.

CAMPECHE, CAMP: Manuel Ravell, 140, and Zurdo Garcia, 141, drew in eight rounds; Negro Ali, 137, stopped Muralla Sanchez, 128, of Merida, in the second; Diamante Ramirez, 137, whipped Joe Ambrosio, 130, in 8 rounds.

MERIDA, YUC: Mario de Leon, 112, stopped Lazaro Uribe, 113, in the tenth round. It was a good fight; Yuyin Trejo, 132, a promising featherweight, KO'd Gallito Garcia, 131, of Mexico City. Trejo floored him five times. The knockout was in the sixth round; Cubanito Gonzalez, 118, who looks good for the future, kayoed Delfin Gamboa, 116, in 3 rounds; Mario Carvajal, 130, hard-hitter, stopped Ray "Zurdo" Lopez, 135, in the second; Baby Paullada, 108, decisioned Chucho Perez, 107, in four.

MERIDA, YUC: Enrique Esqueda, 135, in seven rounds scored a technical knockout over the Yucatan lightweight champion, Hernan "Zurdo" Gonzales, 136, who is on his way down; Ramon Cruz, 112, flyweight champion of Yucatan, and Mario de Leon, 110, of Mexico City, drew in a gruelling and exciting ten-rounder. In the tenth Cruz almost knocked out De Leon; Nando Carvajal, 107, bested Negro Medina, 112, in six fast-action; Mario Carvajal, 131, bested Joe Navarro, 130. Carvajal won the fight easily in four rounds; Rocky Herrera, 120, won from Angel Castro, 117, in 4.

PUEBLA, PUE: Victor Manuel Quijano, Yucatan featherweight champion, whipped Ubaldo "Chiquis" Ramirez in ten rounds.

ORIZABA, VER: Raul Solis, bantamweight of Yucatan, KO'd Lucio Torres, in the fifth round.

BOXING IN MONTANA AND THE NORTHWEST
By "Bow Tie" Grmoljez

BOXING in Butte and the northwest in general appears to be swinging toward a high level this winter season.

Kenny Davis, hardpunching featherweight battler of the state of Texas now fighting out of Los Angeles is perhaps the greatest fighter to appear in the mining city for better than thirty years according to old timers of the "Copper City" and fans of the surrounding area.

NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

THE Australian Boxing Club promoted a British Empire welterweight title fight between BARRY BROWN, the champion, who hails from New Zealand, and the Australian champion, GEORGE BARNES. George hit too hard for the courageous Brown, dropping him in the first round, the second, the fourth and the eleventh. That was the last one—Brown did not beat the count. Barnes was in charge from the start and, although Brown won a couple of rounds, it was obvious from the first minute of the fight that a new champion would be crowned. Barnes' right hand did the damage and southpaw Brown had no answer to it. It was a bloody fight, with each fighter suffering cuts, Barnes a bad nick over the eye and Brown two cuts over the eyes.

Australia's outstanding light-heavy, BRUCE FARTHING easily outpointed ALF WEBB. Distance was ten rounds. Farthing then went to New Zealand, where he knocked out EDDIE CLANCY in five rounds.

The A.B.C. put on another open air show, again at the Sydney Sports Ground. This time FREDDIE DAWSON, who is regarded as a local in these parts, put on his most disappointing display against the French welter champion, EDDIE DIONE. Freddie won it convincingly enough in a fight with no knockdowns and few highlights, but he did not seem to be the destroyer we have seen before. Maybe Freddie had an off night. Judges awarded the points to Dawson unanimously, their score cards reading 32 to 28, 37½ to 22½ and 36½ to 23½.

The upset of the year was the result of the ten round main support in which ROSS JENKINS, at 10 to 1, knocked out the much-publicized FOSSI SCHMIDT in the third round. Fossi, a heavyweight from Samoa, came here with a reputation of winning some 48 straight K.O.s in Samoa and he added three more to his string in his first three fights here, but his opponents were tenth raters. Jenkins, a bush fighter, some 14 pounds overweight, showed that Fossi did not possess a granite chin.

Vic Patrick handed out the biggest shock in many years when he declared BILLY PEACOCK points winner over PIERRE COSSEMYNS in their return 12 rounder at Sydney Stadium. It was a classic contest, one of the best of the year and Cossemyns gave Peacock a boxing lesson. On my scorecard I had Cossemyns a clear leader by nine points. The crowd was as stunned as the Belgian bantam when Vic cast his vote.

MARIO D'AGATA is a real champion. In his second Australian contest he outfought BILLY PEACOCK at Melbourne, winning easily on points in a great fight. This boy could go on to world honours.

Broken Hill staged an Australian flyweight title bout between champion VINCE BLAKE and contender FRANKIE BENNETT. It was well worthy of an Australian title contest and a new champion was crowned by referee Fred Smith at the end of the 15 rounds. Shades of the Carruthers-Songkitrat fight: Broken Hill Stadium is an open air arena and the rain came down heavily. Bennett was carried into the ring by his seconds and both boxers fought in bare feet.

The search for a new Australian featherweight champion continued during the month with RUSSELL SANDS outpointing JOHNNY WHEELER in Brisbane. A fortnight later Sands met YOUNG LAYTON in the final, also at Brisbane. Layton was favoured at 4 to 1 on, but Russell did not give him a chance to get set; he tore into Layton and dropped him very quickly. He played yo-yo with his fellow southpaw and the fight ended in the second round with Russell Sands the new featherweight champion of Australia.

SANDY BROWN has upset the ratings with a victory over the then number two contender among Aussie feathers, YOUNG REGAN. Sandy had Regan down twice in the first round of their fight at Broken Hill and Regan was out on his feet until the fifth. He said later that he did not know until the fifth that Brown is a southpaw! Which, incidently, means that the present feather champion and his two leading contenders are southpaws. The result of the Brown-Regan fight? Brown on points.

The A.B.C. has opened a stadium at Perth, Western Australia. Their first promotion was between ALFIE SANDS, 154, and LAURIE MEDCALF, 152. Sands won on points. A week later MARSHALL CLAYTON outpointed Alfie, and a week after that FREDDIE DAWSON stopped Clayton in ten, due to a cut eye. At the time Dawson was well in front.

Here is a prospect. The name is BILLY McDONNELL, former amateur champion and brother of Don. He turned pro during the month and stopped ROD LITZOW, former Empire Games rep, in 4.

Billy is a welter, but, at 17, will develop into a middle. On the same bill CLIVE STEWART was promoted to 12 rounders and stopped DOUG THORPE in 11.

CARLO MARCHINI once more proved that he was the superior of DON JOHNSON in a wild fight. But Don nearly pulled it out of the fire in the last round of this twelve. He had Carol on the floor. Fight took place at Sydney Stadium in the last fight of the year in our city.

At Leichhardt, BERT HORNBY easily beat RAY RICHARDS on points over 12 rounds. They are welters. In the supporting 12 RAY COLEMAN came to the end of the trail when he was soundly thrashed by Samoan JIMMY RIPLEY. Coleman was pathetic and nothing like the Coleman who fought Elley Bennet.

Brothers CLARRIE and HARRY GROGAN made advances in the middleweight division when they went to Melbourne. Clarrie drew with JOE POMPEI and Harry halted JOE DAMIAMI in five.

Later Harry iced ARNOLD HAMILTON in five at Sydney Stadium. That night at Sydney finished early, not one of the fights lasting the distance. There were two 12 rounders listed, but, as stated, Harry finished his in five. The other ended in the first round when Dutch welter migrant, NICK VISSER iced BLUEY MILLER in the first couple of minutes. None of the prelims lasted long and an additional fight was put on after the main. That was an 8 between Alan Ritchie and Brian Smith. Ritchie finished his opponent in the first heat. The whole program of six fights lasted just 15 rounds between the lot.

COL DOUGLAS, who has not fought since being stopped by Elley Bennett in a feather title tilt in 1953, decided the field was not so hot, so returned and easily outpointed HERB PITTMAN over 12 rounds. The other 12 saw DES ASH outpoint KEITH EDWARDS. They are lightweights.

In Melbourne Spaniard RICARDO MARCOS beat PRAN MIKUS on points. They are middleweights. In the supporting ten BINDI JACK, a rising bantam, knocked out BULLANT SIMMS in 8.

MICKEY McDONALD, N.S.W. State welter champ, outpointed KEVIN BELL over 12 rounds. It was a bout of boxing, not slugging. The fight took place at Broken Hill. However, Bell blotted his copybook nine days later at Sydney Stadium. He would not do his best, the referee said. Fact is, he could not, as he was ill. He had had vaccinations three days earlier. His opponent was JIMMY MULLER and referee Vic Patrick walked out and left them there in the 10th round.

In the other 12, HAROLD PIPER outpointed GORDON BELL in a good fight. They are feathers. This was Bell's second 12 rounder in three days, having lost a close fight to NOEL WILKIE at Broken Hill in support to the Bennett-Blake fight for the flyweight title. Bell is a busy fighter. He drew with DARCY CARR a fortnight before the Piper match.

NED WILSON became N.S.W. State lightweight champion when he skittled LOU FRANCIS in a round at Blacktown.

To give a slight summary of the year's activities; we find the bantams giving the best fights. The CARRUTHERS-SINN fight was the one with the most action. Jimmy won it with a great lot of points to spare, but Bobby kept him on the move. The return fight between PIERRE COSSEMYNS and BILLY PEACOCK as a classic, even more so than their first. This was class boxing, with thrills. COSSEMYNS and SINN gave us another classic. All these took place at Sydney Stadium. In Melbourne the best fights were between MARIO D'AGATA and BOBBY INN and D'AGATA and PEACOCK.

Twenty-five importations fought in Australia, 14 for Stadiums Ltd. and 11 for the A. B. C. These imports came from America, New Zealand, Italy, New Caledonia, Hawaii, Tonga, Samoa, French West Africa, the Philippines, Belgium and Mexico. The crowd pleasers earned the biggest money of their careers. Between them they had 102 fights, winning 61, drawing five and losing 36. This is the best record put up by importations during any year for some time. But Australia has fewer class boxers at present than she has had for some time.

Alfie Sands and Pran Mikus each won fights designated as Australian middleweight title tilts, Sands for the A. B. C. and Mikus for Stadiums Ltd. Pat Ford, our Empire and Australian lightweight champion, lost both titles in the one fight to Ivor Germaine but regained them in a return. That one was a great fight, too. George Barnes, our welter king, won the Empire title by K.O. over New Zealander, Barry Brown. Our heavy champion, Ken Brady, successfully defended his title by K.O. over Cec Meredith, but still manages to dodge Allen Williams. Barnes was successful in defending his welter crown against Tommy Burns, on points. Russell Sands won the Australian feather title, Vince Blake took the flyweight crown from the brow of Taffy Hancock, but lost it to youthful Frankie Bennett.

Many boxers came into the game and show promise ,the best prospect being Billy McDonnell. Col Clarke made great advances in the lightweight division and Sandy Brown did the same thing in one jump. The Grogan Bros. added colour to the fight scene and will make things lively for any middleweights.

Jimmy Carruthers retired as undefeated world champion and Elley Bennett handed in his Australian feather crown. Frank Flannery finally came to the end of the trail after an extremely colourful career, during which he won the lightweight title.

That is all for this month and may I thank all those who sent Christmas cards to me.

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BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

DOSMAN BROTHERS closed the year 1954 with two shows at The Arena-Colon. On the first card the main 10 rounder, between our featherweight champion, Pedro Tesis, weighing 130 pounds, and Miguel Rosas Berrios, 126, of Puerto Rico, went the limit with Tesis winning the decision. Berrios (called El Diablillo Rojo, meaning "Red Devil") demonstrated lots of class but lost his fight due to inactivity. He was drafted into the army 18 months ago and this was his first time in the ring since. Tesis won by decision.

The semi-final, scheduled for 8 rounds, between Jose Edwin, 145½, and Baby Hawkins, 146½, ended in favor of Edwin in the 5th round, when Referee Tuliolay stopped the bout, saving Hawkins from possible injuries. Edwin won by T. K. O. and chalked up his 3rd straight win.

In a 6 rounder Hankin Barrow II, 135½, knocked Carlos Watson cold as a block of ice in the very first round after having knocked Barrow down early in the round for a regulation eight count.

Juan Salazar, 123, beat Baby Mendez, 124, for 4 rounds, and got a well-earned decision.

On the 19th of December the Dosman Brothers put on another show, this time using Jose Edwin as one of the headliners in ten rounds against Luis Samuels (of Panama City) to prove which should be No. 1 contender for the welterweight crown now worn by Tito Despaigne. Again Edwin proved too much for Samuels, and walked off with the unanimous decision, which was well-earned. The lad has reached No. One Contender in four pro fights.

The ex-bantam and featherweight title holder (of a decade ago), Sammy Medina, weighing 128 pounds, held on to the up and coming Leslie Thompson, 126, in an 8 round semi-final and showed Leslie more gloves than there are in a factory. Too bad we can't find any more Sammys around these days. Medina won the unanimous decision.

Manuel Prescott also beat Panama Ray Robinson in a 6 rounder, unanimous decision. Both weighed 126 pounds.

In a comical freak four rounder Marcial Molinar, 138, knocked out Sam Bruce in the first round. The bell sounded for Round One. Both men hit . . . both men went down. Before the end of the regulation 8 count Molinar got to his feet. Then Bruce got up with the count, and before he knew where he was Molinar belted him stupid. The referee intervened. Molinar won by a T. K. O. in Round One.

INFORMATION

Harrison Dillard, world's track star, visited Panama for a three-day stay, which he enjoyed. Dillard is a member of the Cleveland, Ohio, Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

AN authoritative left hook settled a course or two at the Dinner Key Auditorium when Paul Andrews, of Buffalo, disposed of Boardwalk Billy Smith in the sixth round of a nationally televised boxing bout in Miami. Underdog in a scheduled 10 rounder against Ring Magazine's number one light-heavyweight contender, the lion-hearted Andrews scored the telling punch in the fading seconds of the first round after he submitted to a merciless barrage at the hands of the Atlantic City policeman. The shot shook the Boardwalk and opened the siege that Andrews was to lay in the next round to the finish. The loser was dropped thrice and a knock-down was ruled against him while on his feet by Referee Eddie Coachman in the fifth. The same type punch that started Andrews on his victory road in the opening stanza also ended hostilities for the night as Ref Coachman stopped it in 2.49 of the sixth. The winner tipped 180¼, and the loser, 175.

This show drew 2,870 customers, good for a $10,026 gate and it was co-promoted by Florida's well known sports promoter, Major W. H. Peeples, Jr., and Jim Norris, of the International Boxing Club.

Tony Armenteros, 141, of Havana, defeated Joey Brown, 136, of New Orleans, in a six rounder. Billy Lauderdale, 157, Hialeah, decisioned Bid Nethers, 152, Zanesville, Ohio, in another sixer. An even sixer was produced by combatants Tony Puleo, 140, Brooklyn, and Aldo Menti, 141, Niagara Falls. A heavyweight six went to Benny Thomas, 181, Chicago, over Tom Tatum, 177, Miami.

Charley Salas seems to put himself in solid each time he fights at Miami Beach and the ringwise battler from Phoenix, Arizona accounted for another upset victory in his latest appearance at Chris Dundee's emporium. This time Salas set back George Johnson, number 10 middleweight, via a split decision. Referee Billy Regan and Judge Fred Aaronson saw it Salas, and Judge Carl Gardner figured it even. The winner was elusive and blocked most of Johnson's throws. He tipped 153, and his foe, three pounds heavier. Johnson tried hard. He kept shooting for 10 rounds. The seventh, eighth and ninth carried the margin for Charley's win.

Joey DeJohn, 168, heavy-fisted Syracuse socker, TKO'ed unknown Juan Naranjo, 171, Havana, in just 74 seconds of the first. Two knockdowns were enough for the Cuban who must have read Joey's scrapbook. But what else could you expect from a fellow with 15 pro fights up to the time. Larry Wooley, 136½, drew in four with Carlos Miguel, 142½. Chico Ochoa, 145½, whipped Bill Downing, 146½, in four. JoJo Jordan, 148½, decisioned Kid Gavilan II, 153, in four, and Dick Spencer, 130, won from Kid Chocolate, 133½, in four. Attendance, 2,818, and gate, $6,619.

Two judges and a referee called the Rocky Randall-Jerry Drouin 10 round topper at West Palm Beach, differently in their version but it amounted to a single verdict when the tabulations were announced to 700 fans, a draw. Referee Billy Shell had it even-stephen; Judges Jerry O'Connell and Joe Lynn saw it Drouin and Randall, respectively. Randall's aggressiveness and Drouin's better punches made the fight an interesting one to watch. The Tampan, Randall weighed 139, and 139 also for Drouin, of Quebec City, Canada.

There was another draw on Matchmaker Gabe Menendez' card and Billy Downing, 143, Lakewood, N. J., faced Chico Ochoa, 145, Chicago, in six. A third draw saw Sgt. Earl Wilkerson, 146, Palm Beach AFB, travel six with Sammy Stone, 152, of Pompano. Lou Santos, 148, New York, got the call in a four with Irish Johnny Mack, 154, Columbus, Ga. Tony Valdez, 135, New York, was counted out after taking a punch to the side of the face from Rip Russell, 134, Nashville, Tenn.

Middleweight Joe Mack, of Jacksonville, is being handled by Terry McGovern in San Diego, California and another fighter in the McGovern stable is Sonny Strauss, a 127 pounder. Terry would like to show both boys in Florida.

A left hand was instrumental in Harold Johnson's 10 round triumph over Julio Mederos when the two met at Miami Beach. Johnson, rated light-heavyweight, shoved his left in Julio's face for 10 rounds to capture an easy decision. The first canto saw Mederos, 189½, Havana, heaving heavy and connecting on Johnson and he scored several more times in the eighth and ninth to make the match livelier than expected. The winner at 175½.

Gus Rubicini, 157, Toronto, came from behind to score a sixth round knockout over Jose Oliveras, 155¼, Havana, in the semi set for 10. They stole the show in their actioneer, Al McCoy, 156, Macon, fought to a six round draw with Al Farese, 160, Boston. Carlos Carbonel, 156½, Havana, drew in a four with Dick Custer, 155, of Essexville, Mich. Gene Lewis, 162½, Miami, stopped George Chris, 174, Greenville, Miss., in the second round. Chris Dundee promoted and the attendance was 2,891. The gate, $6,465.

The gay cabellero from Cuba, Miguel Diaz, posted another win at Miami Beach. His foe and loser, Pat Lowry, 147½, didn't quite make it with a rally in the late rounds. Diaz still has his victory streak at the Beach intact. The boys got themselves keyed up after the third canto and things hummed until the finish to please 2,393 fans. The seventh, eighth and 10th rounds were worth the price of admission alone. The lead see-sawed but Diaz had the edge for his fifth win at MB. He weighed 150.

Carlos Carbonell, 156, Havana, and Al Farese, 161, Boston, met in six and drew. Sammy Stone, 151, Pompano, dittoed with Jimmy Ford, 144¾. Chico Ochoa, 145, Chicago, outpunched Bill Downing, 143½, Miami, in four. Kid Chocolate, 134, Miami, beat another Miamian, Johnny Shane, 135, in four. Chris Dundee promoted.

One week after Referee Petey Sarron ruled a technical knockout in favor of Andy Mayfield over Gus Rubicini, the Miami Beach Boxing Commission turned in their verdict, "a double technical knockout", and so it stands now for the record books. Andy and Gus butted heads in the fourth round and both emerged with bad cuts, Gus at the scalp (six stitches) and Andy over the eye (four stitches). Rubicini, from Toronto, weighed 157, and Mayfield, of Miami, 159¾.

The main event, John Holman, 207, Chicago, and Bo Willis, 188, Miami, was a thriller. Holman won as it was expected but he had a narrow squeak in the fifth round. Walloping Willis at will and having the Miamian staggering, he was ready for the kill. Moving in, Holman caught a right and he plunged down. Up at nine, he escaped further punishment although two left hooks found him. Then came the sixth and he started on Bo again, and again he almost lost out but Bo had only a little spark left and it died there after shaking Holman momentarily. In the eighth, the fight was stopped and the Chicago heavyweight was given a TKO triumph. Willis, in the third round, hit the deck twice.

Georgie Knowles, 168, took a sixer from Joe Moran, 169¾. Dick Custer and Bid Nethers, middleweights, drew in six and Dick Spencer, 132, stopped Bobby Yantis, 136, in three. This show, promoted by Chris Dundee, drew 2,130 and $4,500, attendance and gate, respectively.

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LOUISVILLE, KY., BOXING NEWS

By Joe Martin

WE had one pro-boxing show in Louisville this month. State middle champion Billy Hester, 160, gained a split decision over George Boddie, 167, of Dayton, in one of two eight-rounders. In the other eight Sherman Williams, 160, lost a unanimous decision to Jimmy Welch, 161, Columbus. Williams clearly met a superior foe in Welch. In the best of the prelims, Billy Tuck, 163, of Louisville, got a unanimous decision over Morris Moss, 158, of Dayton, in six rounds.

Alvis Perkins, 170, New Albany, Ind., decisioned Dick Vess, 177, of Dayton, in six; and Gene Roberts, 138, Evansville, Ind., unanimously decisioned Joe Haley, 140 of Jeffersonville, Ind., in four rounds.

The Courier-Journal Sports Staff makes its annual selections each Christmas of The Year's Greatest Athletes and this year in Boxing the Best Amateur boxed picked was James W. O'Keefe of Louisville, and best professional boxers were Billy Hester and Sherman Williams, both of Louisville. This was for the state of Kentucky.

This year's Golden Gloves will start in Louisville on Jan. 24 and will run for five nights.

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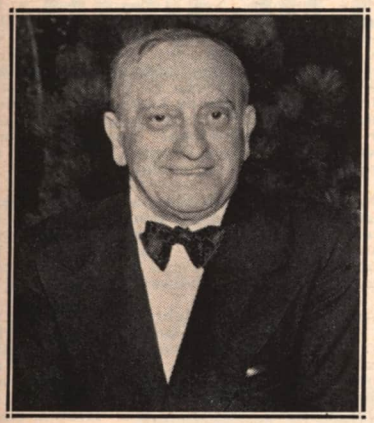

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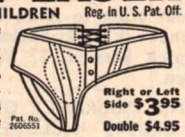

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By "Broadway" Johnny Cox

RALPH DUPAS amazed a crowd of 8000 fans and undefeated Cisco Andrade with his dazzling speed Sugar Bowl night at the New Orleans Municipal Auditorium heading a nationally televised ten round main event. Dupas won a unanimous decision and referee Max Baer, the guest neutral third man, voted Dupas the winner of six rounds and Andrade four sessions.

It was a co-promotion show with the big three of New Orleans boxing, Allen LaCombe, Louis Messina and Bonny Geigerman copromoters.

Andrade caught Dupas on the best night of his career and in the Andrade fight Ralph was in the peak of condition. Ralph moved too fast for the clever and aggressive Andrade. Dupas made Andrade miss many vicious lefts and rights. The Dupas victory snapped Andrade's undefeated streak of 28 professional bouts with 27 wins and one draw.

Andrade got a bad break in the second round when Dupas opened a cut over Cisco's right eye. Trainer "Whitey" Ekwert performed a marvelous corner job after each round as the cut continued opening from punches in practically each round. In the fifth round Dupas split the Mexican's right eyelid.

The victory chalked up Dupas' 51st win in 61 fights. Ralph has lost six decisions and engaged in four draws.

Judge Eddie "Kid" Wolfe balloted seven rounds for Dupas, two even and one for Andrade. Judge Pete Giaruso called it eight for Dupas and two for Andrade. Referee Max Baer gave Dupas six rounds and The Cisco Kid four rounds. Andrade scaled 133½ pounds. Dupas, 138 pounds.

A satisfied crowd paid a gross gate of $20731.80 to witness one of the finest and fastest lightweight bouts anywhere in years.

In the sixround semifinal, Young Tony Dupas, on a consistent winning streak, ran into a troublesome boxer in Paul Jorgensen, Houston, Tex., junior welterweight. Dupas was awarded a split unpopular decision over the Texas boxer.

Tony, 135, a plodding fighter with a style entirely different to the amazing Ralph Dupas, walked in but Jorgensen, 138, was outboxing Tony and making Tony Miss. The crowd beefed unmercifully at the award of the bout to Tony Dupas. A little sportsman, Tony after the decision was rendered and booed, raised Jorgensen's hand admitting that he was off and had lost.

Nolan Duplesie, New Orleans, 143½ decisioned Vincent Bonomo, local, 149, in a four. Al Boudreaux, 146½, Westwego, La., chalked up a four round kayo over John Gunalde, 142, in the final minute of their four rounder. Jules Butch, local, 129, decisioned Bobby Jackson, 126½, in another four.

Promoter Heard Ragas staged his second professional at the Capitol Athletic Club, Baton Rouge, La., and in the final ten young Tony Dupas scored a four round tko over Clyde Mayberry, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 2-32 of the fifth round.

Dupas had floored Mayberry twice in the fight and referee Simon Mansur had awarded Tony a four tko in 1:36 of the fourth. The crowd disapproved the fight being stopped and referee Mansur consulted the other ring officials. The bout was resumed with Dupas gaining a second official tko over Mayberry in the fifth round. Dupas scaled 138, Mayberry 140.

Doug Elwood, Port Allen, La., former LSU boxer now on a comeback, scored a two round kayo over Don Adams, New Orleans in 19 seconds of the second round of their eight rounder.. Nolan Duplesie, New Orleans, 140, scored a two round tko over Jim Jourdan, Montgomery, Ala., junior welterweight. John Gunaldo, New Orleans, 145, chalked up a two round tko over Paul Rice, Shreveport, La., welterweight, in 2:22 of the second round of another four spot.

The show was staged two nights before Xmas and drew a net gate of $500.

Andrew Brown, 156, consistent New Orleans middleweight, scored his 32nd victory in 33 starts winning by an eight round kayo over Lester Brown, 152, Houston, Tex., in the final of two ten rounders staged by promoter Heard Ragas at the Coliseum arena.

In the other ten rounder, Nat "Killer" Jackson, 135½, New Orleans lightweight, returned to the winning ranks with a one round kayo over local Dave Cheatum, 138¼. Jackson stopped the hometown rival with a right hand uppercut.

In a six round exhibition Joe Brown, once a top lightweight contender, engaged the undefeated Lawrence Armstead. In the final two rounds they swapped wallops viciously. Brown scaled 135, Armstead, 134 pounds.

Junius West, 138, stopped Solis Scott, 142, in the second round.

Boxing returned to the Capitol Athletic Arena at Baton Rouge, La., with Heard Ragas, New Orleans promoter acting as matchmaker. In the feature ten rounder, Tony Dupas, 140¼, won a split ten round decision over New Orleans Johnny Capitano, 144½. The fight was voted a sizzling one and one of the best fights staged in the capitol city of Louisiana in years.

Judge Nick Virgets awarded Dupas the winner 5-4-1. Referee Ted Thrash cast his ballot for Dupas, 4-3-3. Judge Simon (Kid Four) Mansur awarded Capitano the verdict voting 6-3 and 1 even.

Mike Turcott, New Orleans, won a ten round decision over "Speedy" Davidson, Opelousas, La., in another ten rounder on the card. Turcott's southpaw style gave Davidson plenty of trouble and in the final two sessions Davidson began to solve Mike's style and won the two closing heats. Doug Elwood, former Louisiana State university boxing star, on a professional comeback stopped Lawton DiSoso, New Orleans, in 2-55 of the third round of a six rounder.

Oscar Pharo, Birmingham, Ala., heavyweight, continued on his winning streak in his hometown scoring a 2 round kayo over Jimmy Sadler, Dallas, Tex., in 1:52 of the second round of their ten round main event staged on the Goodfellow's Boxing card at the Auditorium.

The Texas heavyweight was no match for the improving Pharo. Buddy Turman, Tyler, Tex. chalked up his second win by stopping Max Baird, Albertville, Ala., in 1-14 of the second round of a six spot. Charley Sazera, Birmingham, Ala., welterweight, won a six round decision over Al (Red) Horton, Nashville, Tenn. It was Sazera's second win over Horton.

New Orleans promoters are passing up a solid bet in not booking Willie Pastrano, rapidly rising New Orleans middleweight with a nationally known foe. Pastrano is managed by Ernest "Whitey" Esneault and is a stablemate of Ralph and Tony Dupas.

Pastrano in his best wins won over Bobby Dykes, Jimmy Martinez and Jacques Royer. He can be developed into a box office attraction here in his hometown.

NEWS FROM SAN ANTONIO

By Bob Ostrum

PAUL JORGENSON came into San Antonio for the first time but failed to live up to expectations as he dropped a split decision to Johnny Guebara in one of the 8-round co-features of Tony Padilla's benefit boxing show.

The Pt. Arthur lightweight had lost only one fight out of 19 prior to his appearance here and had been touted as one of the sharpest fighters in the South. But all he did was clinch and Guebara, who was making his first ring appearance in 10 months, provided what little action there was.

The rest of the card was a lulu, with Joe Boland, San Antonio featherweight, and Ray Riojas, Ft. Worth lightweight, showing the most promise. Riojas chalked up his fifth straight knockout in as many pro fights, scoring a first-round TKO over Mike Turcotte of New Orleans. Riojas opened a cut inside Turcotte's right eye and the referee stopped the bout.

Boland had a rough eight rounds against Ernest Ramos but put on a strong finish to cop the decision. Boland fought from the first round on with a cracked rib.

In another thriller, George Carter weathered a blistering attack by Danny Cardenas in the first couple of rounds and came out with a TKO victory in the fourth round when he opened a cut over Cardenas' right eye. It was the fifth straight kayo win for the undefeated Carter.

In a 4-round preliminary, Gilbert de la Garza, 171, won a decision over Robert Martinez, 170.

Earlier in the month, Harold "Baby Face" Jones made his second appearance in San Antonio and was held to a draw by Pirrin Vega, one of Mexico's top-ranking middleweights.

Jones had previously defeated Vega in a bout at Galveston, but got off to a slow start in the rematch and a tenth-round rally left him just short of taking the decision.

The following week Jones went to Corpus Christi and battered Tino Longoria into submission in eight rounds.

On the Jones-Vega card, Ray Riojas flattened Bobby Garza in four rounds; George Carter stopped Chango Patino in two; Danny Cardenas knocked out Guy Gurette in five and in the opener, Tony Castillo stopped Polo Patino in the first round.

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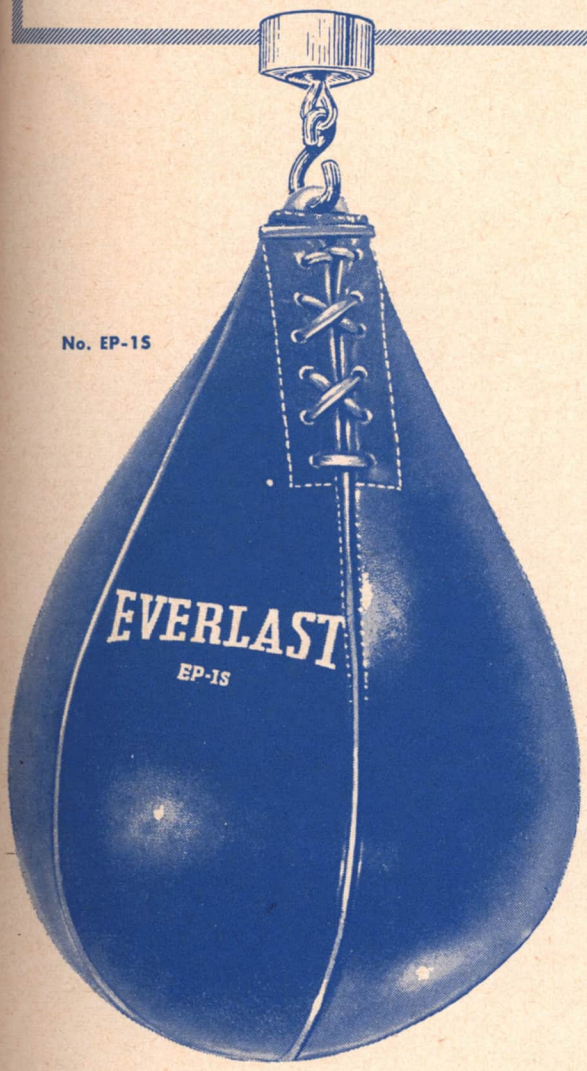

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